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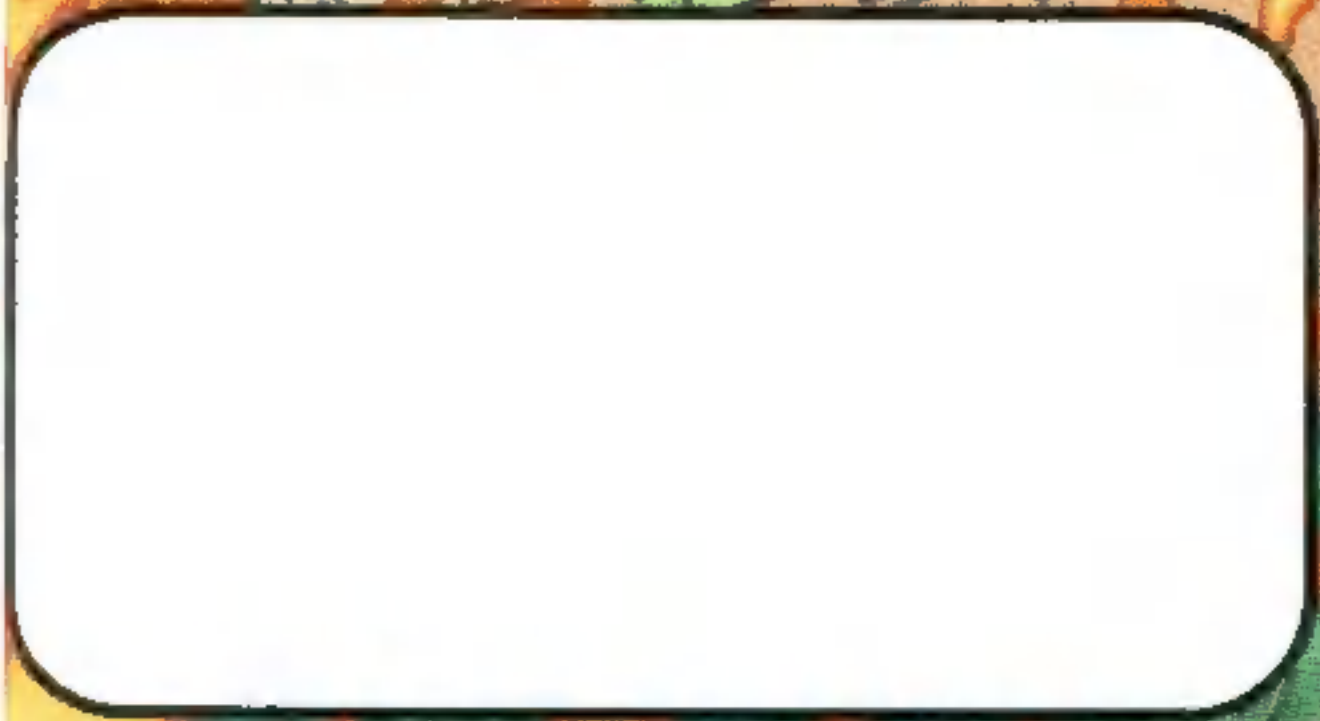
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SONIC & KNUCKLES:

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MECHA MADNESS SPECIAL



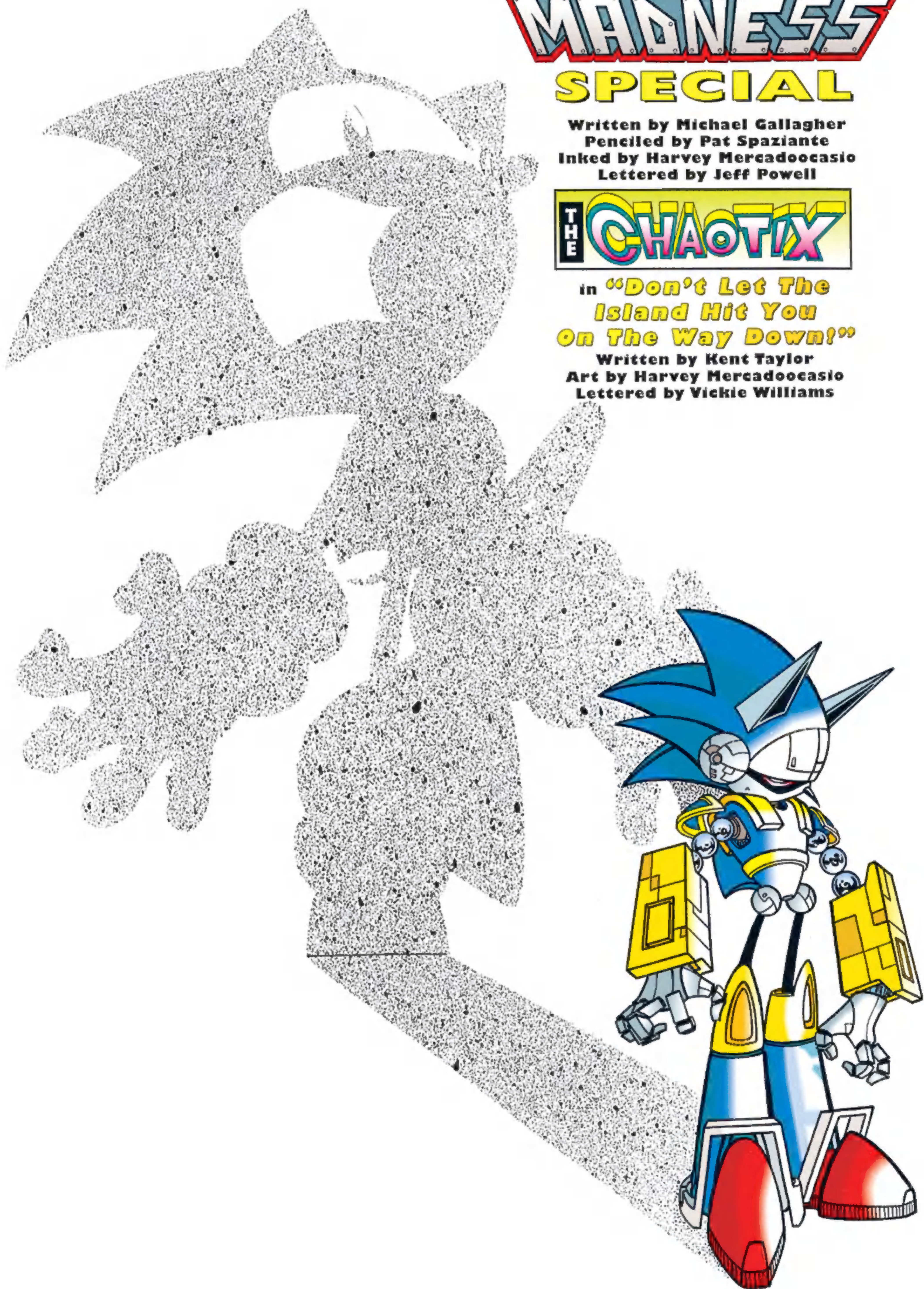
SONIC & KNUCKLES: MECHA MADNESS SPECIAL

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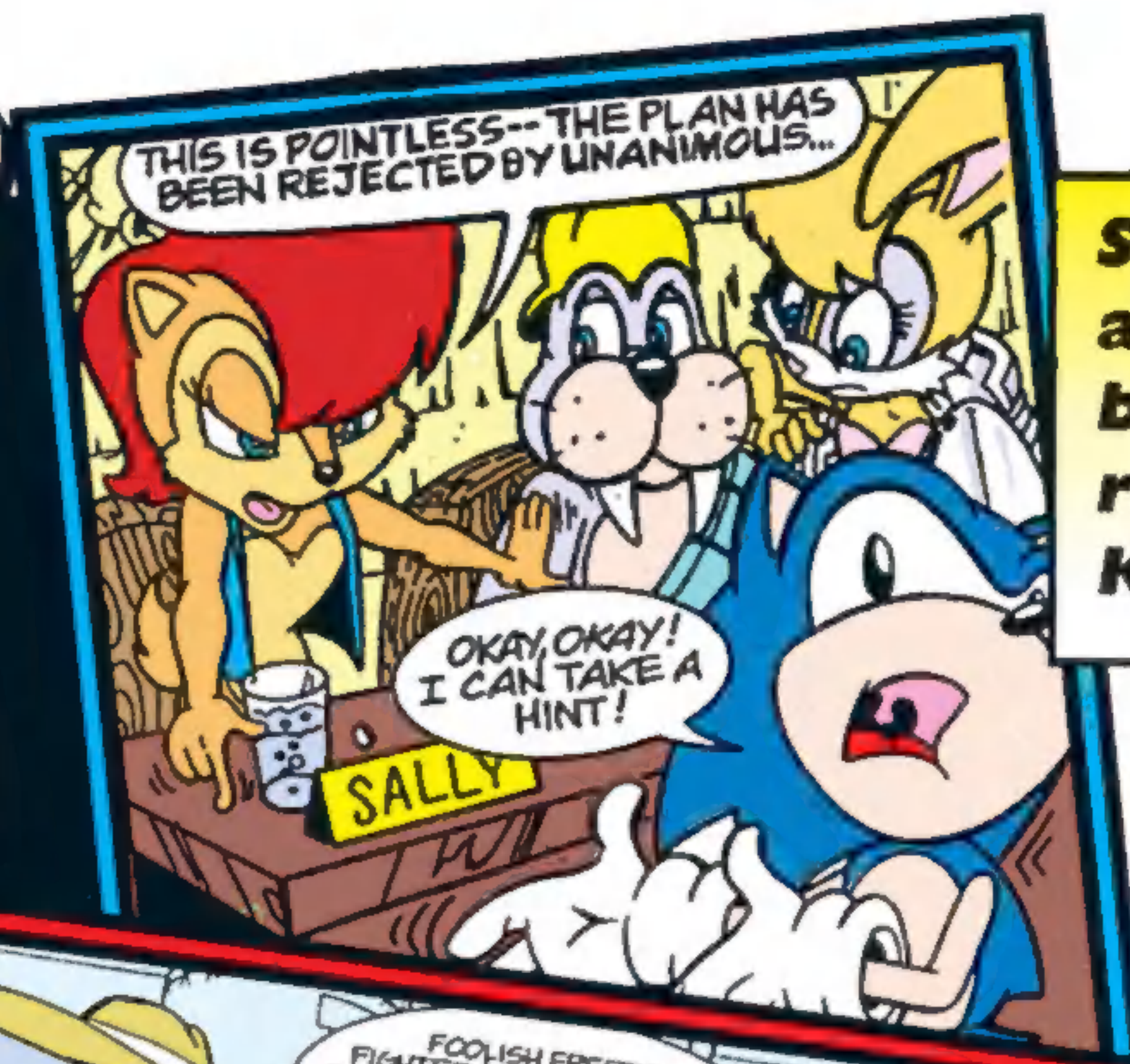
in **"Don't Let The
Island Hit You
On The Way Down!"**

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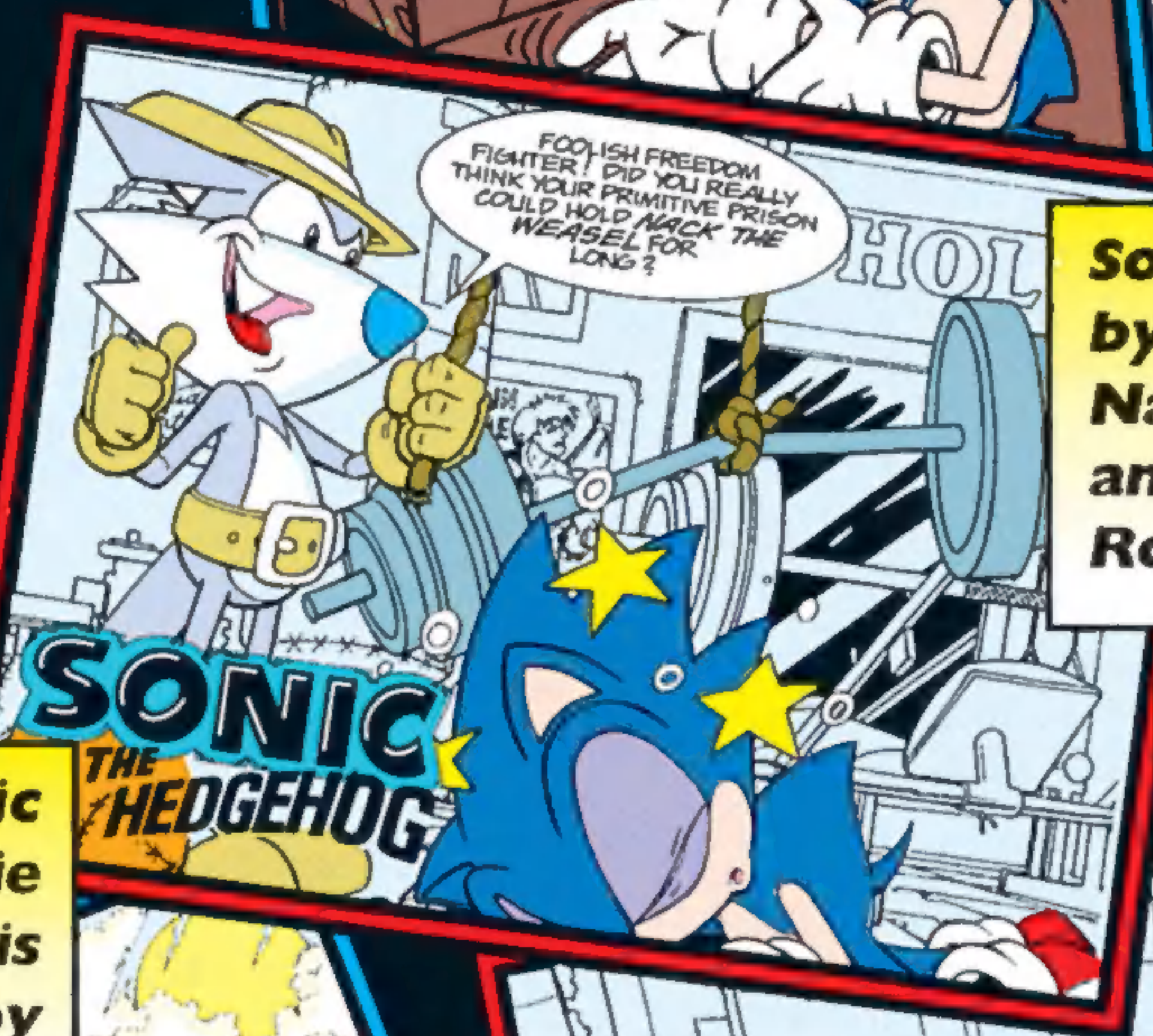


RECAP

Trading Cards*



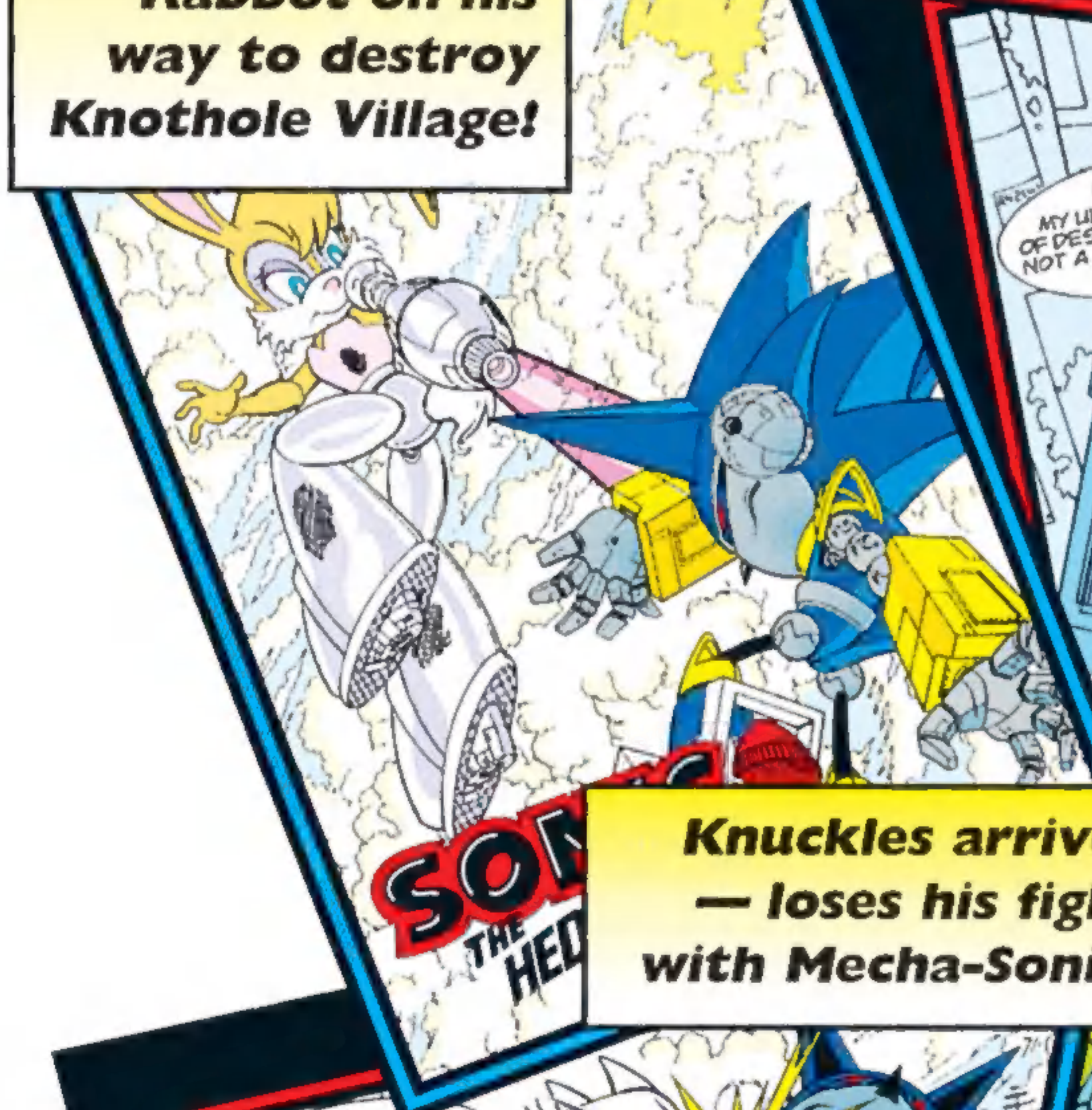
Sonic's request to allow himself to be roboticized is rejected by the Knothole Council.



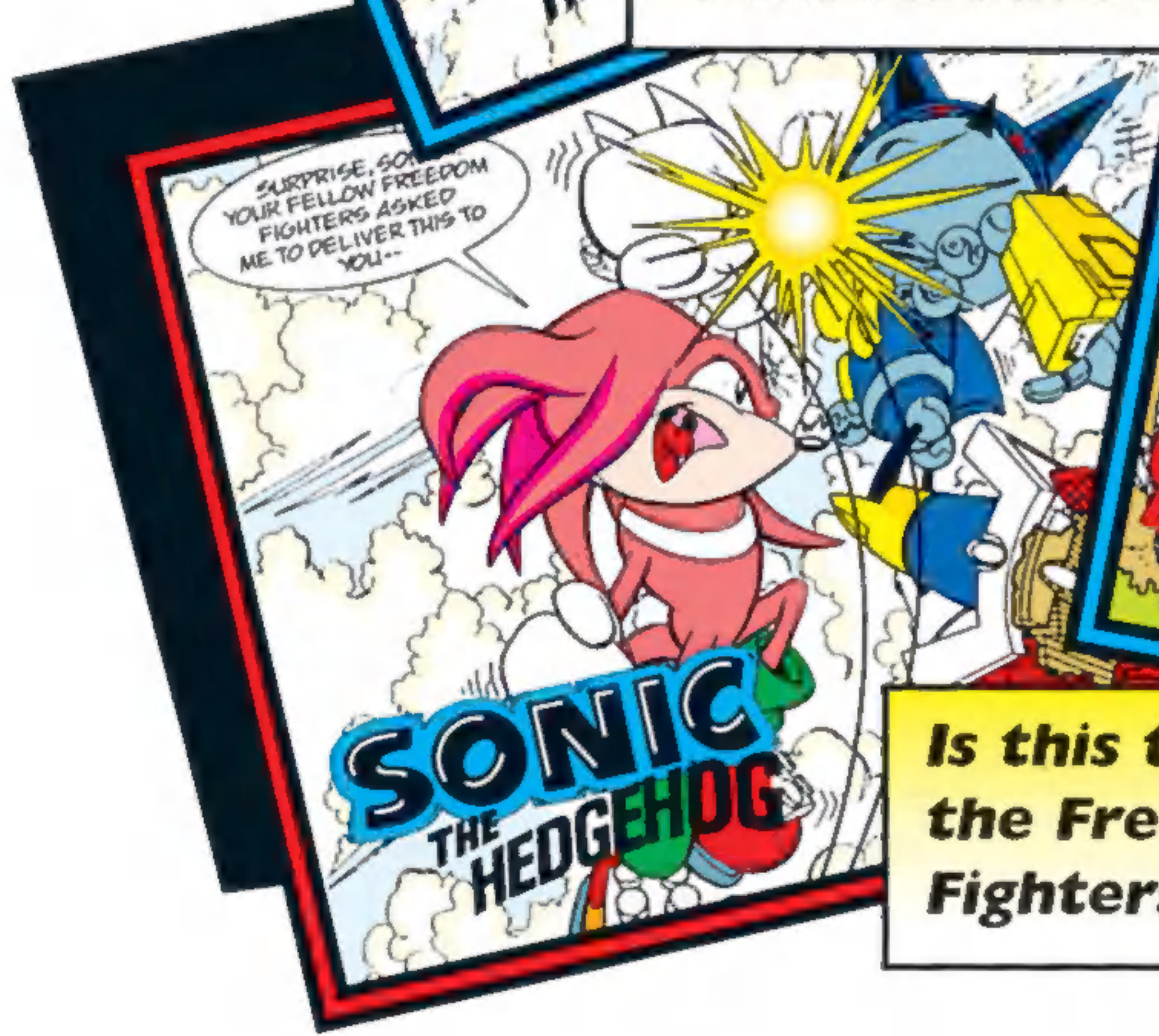
Sonic is ambushed by escaped convict, Nack the Weasel, and taken to Robotropolis.

Mecha-Sonic battles Bunnie Rabbot on his way to destroy Knothole Village!

Robotnik finally creates the "real" Mecha-Sonic.

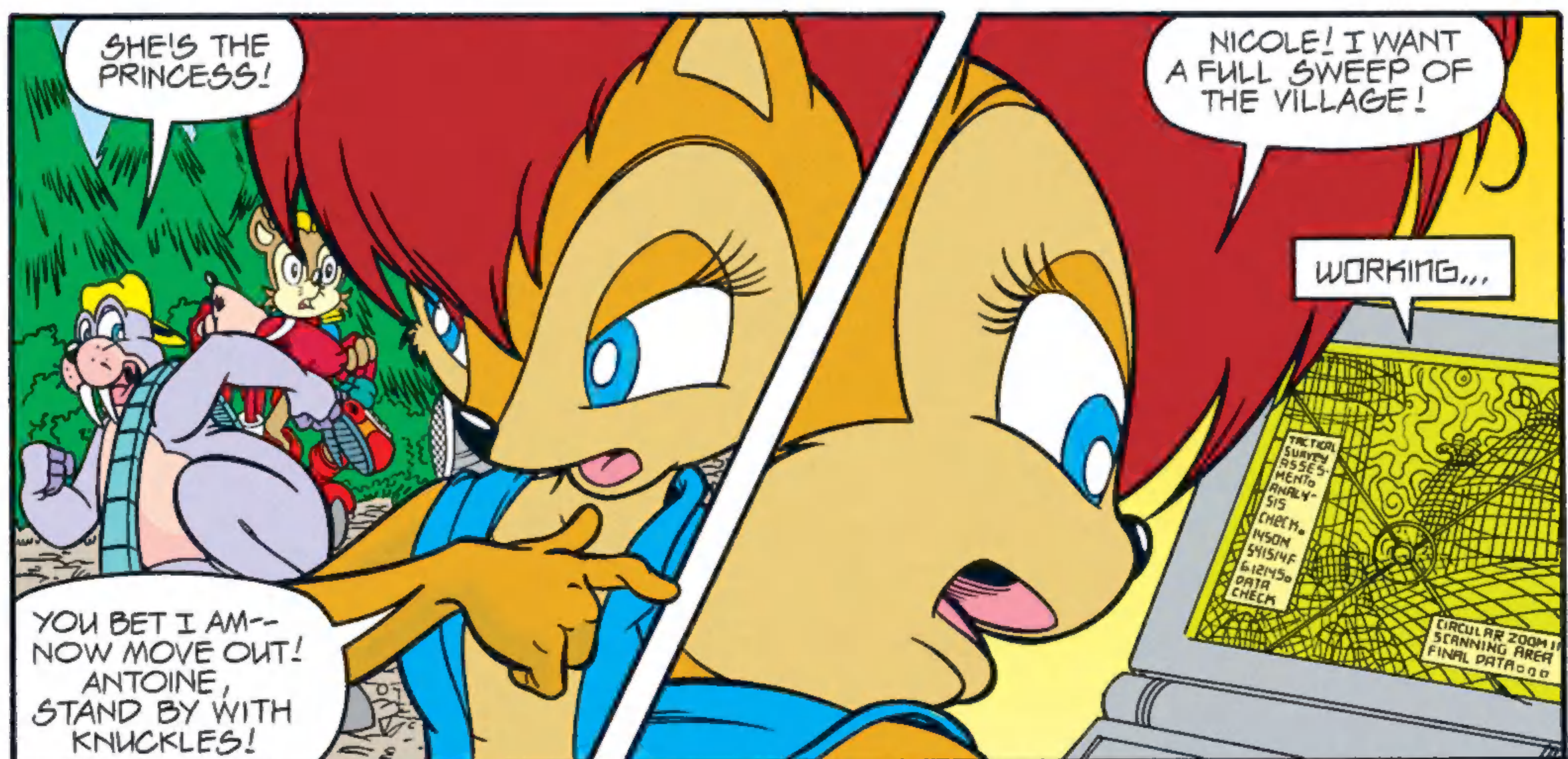
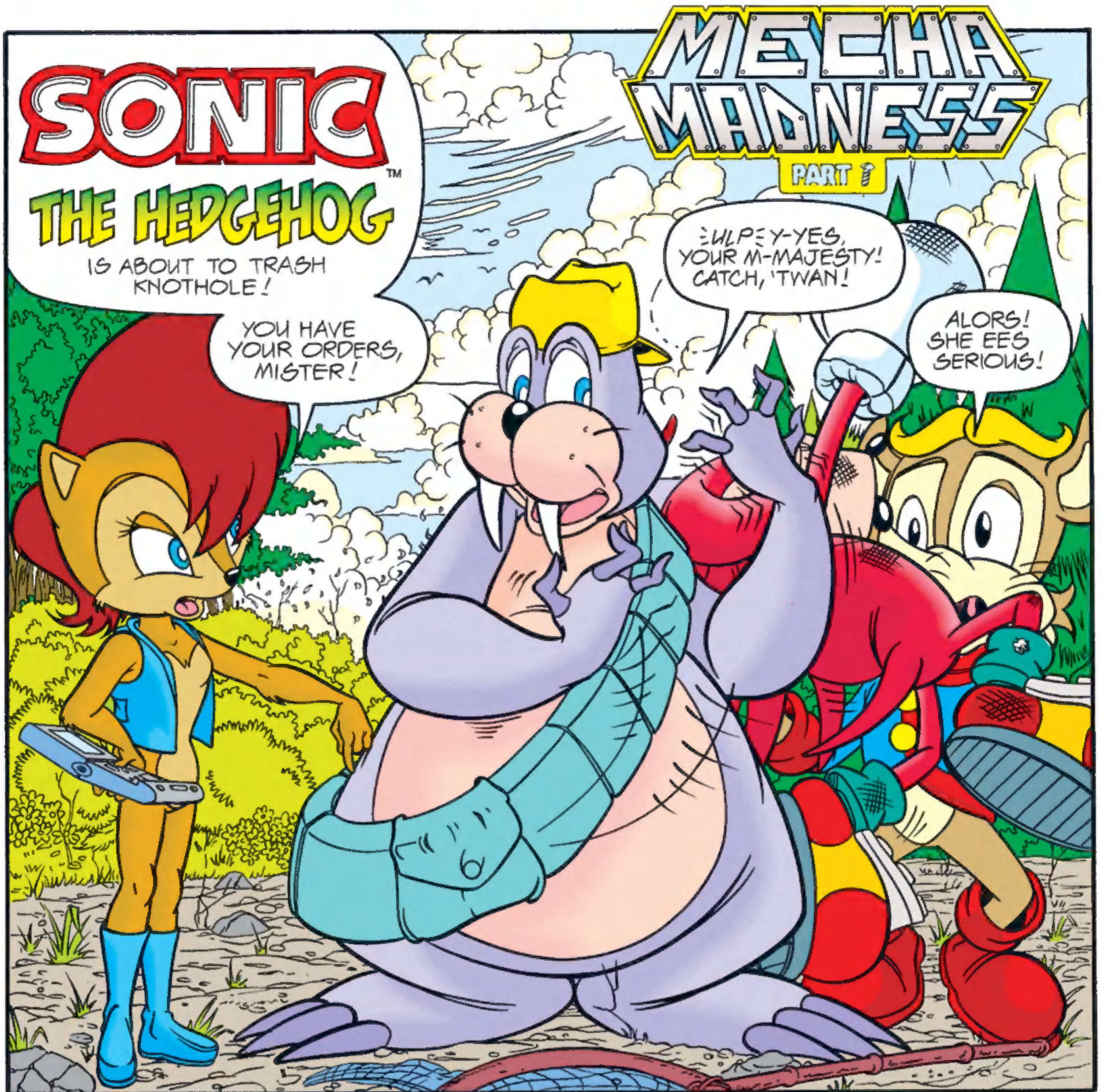


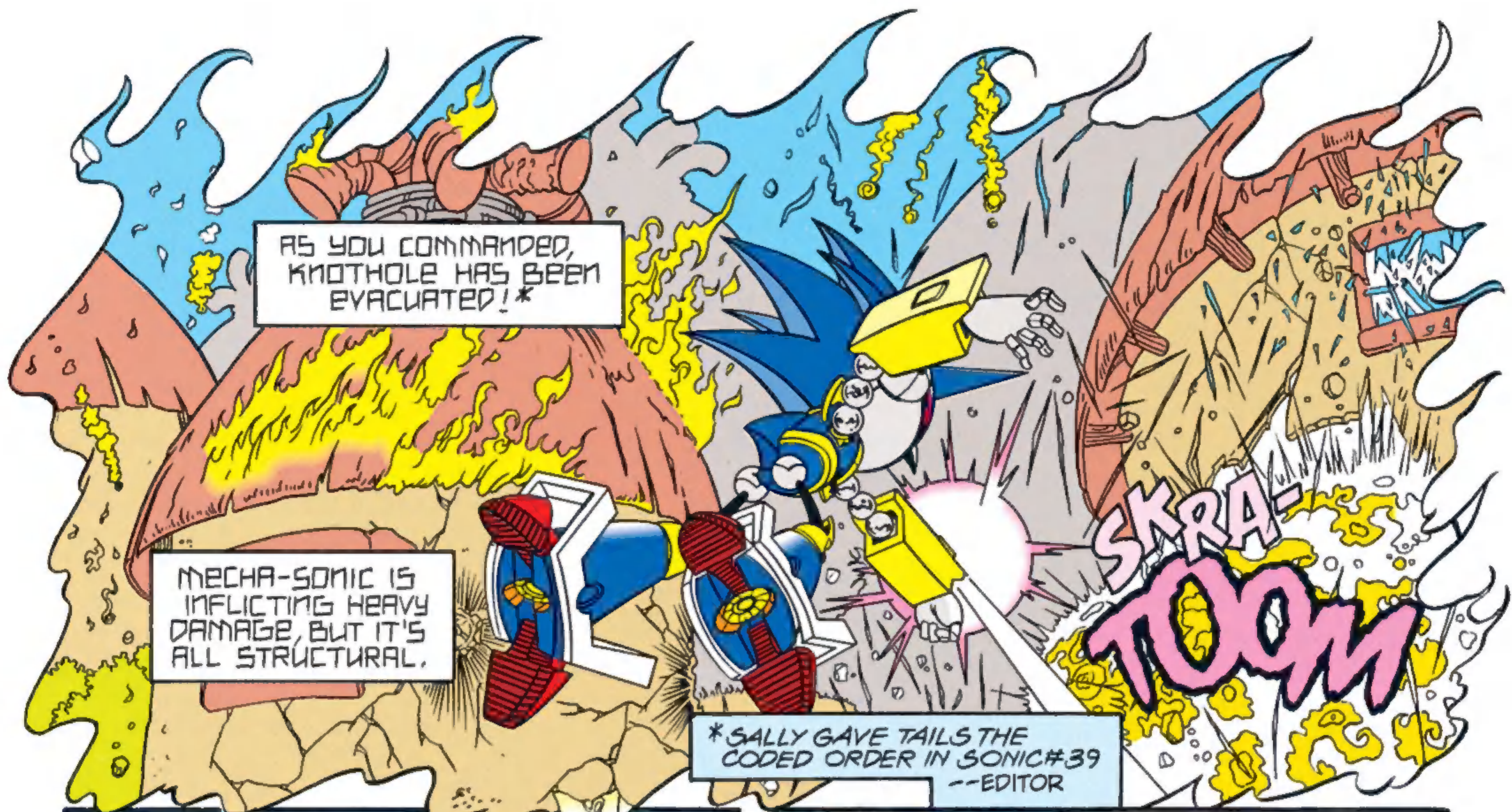
Knuckles arrives — loses his fight with Mecha-Sonic.



Is this the end of the Freedom Fighters?

**Describing events in Sonic #39*





AS YOU COMMANDED,
KNOTHOLE HAS BEEN
EVACUATED! *

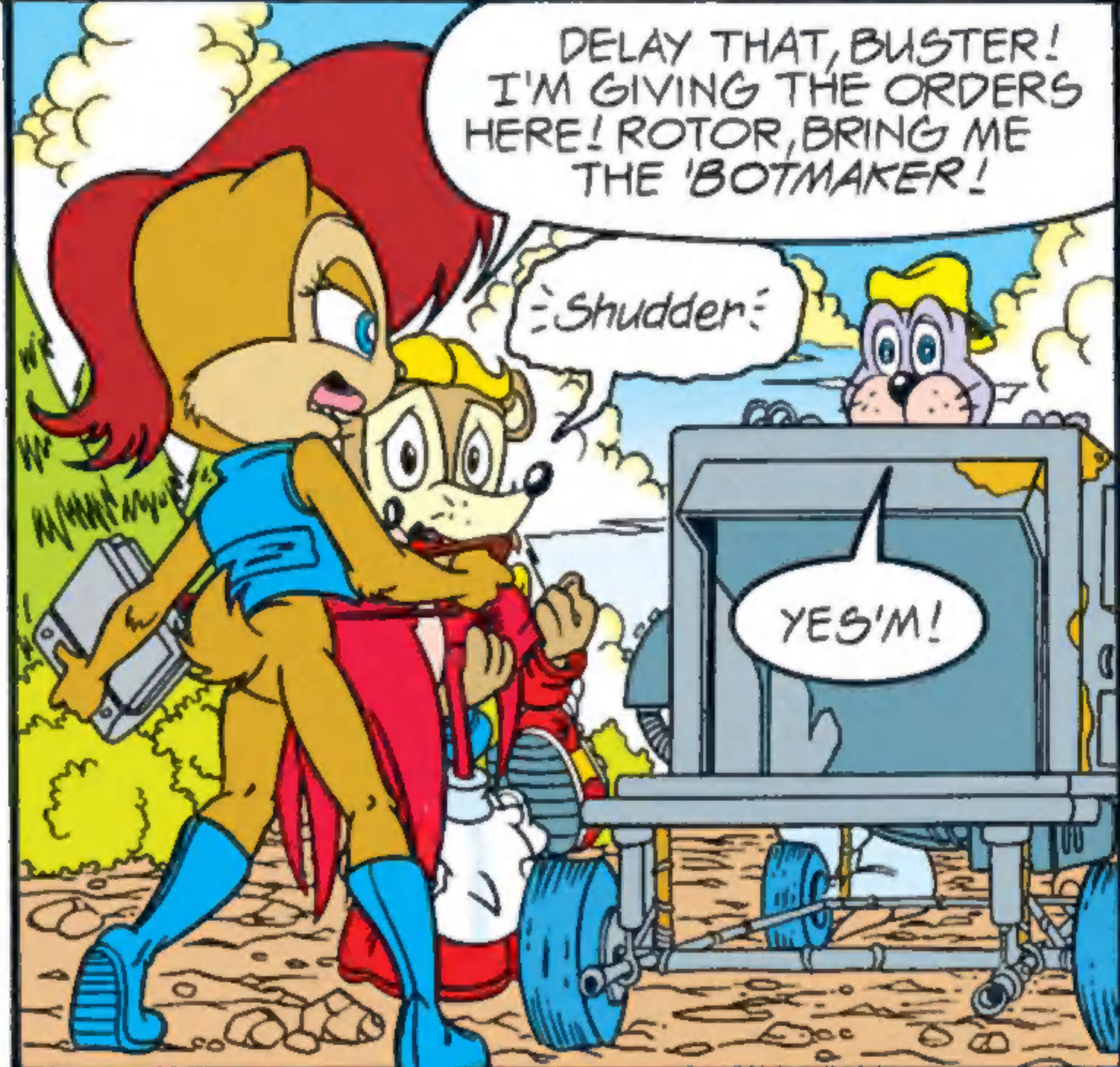
MECHA-SONIC IS
INFLECTING HEAVY
DAMAGE, BUT IT'S
ALL STRUCTURAL.

* SALLY GAVE TAILS THE
CODED ORDER IN SONIC #39
--EDITOR



I CAN'T BELIEVE
HE DISOBEYED A
DIRECT ORDER! SONIC'S
BEHAVIOR BORDERS
ON MUTINY!

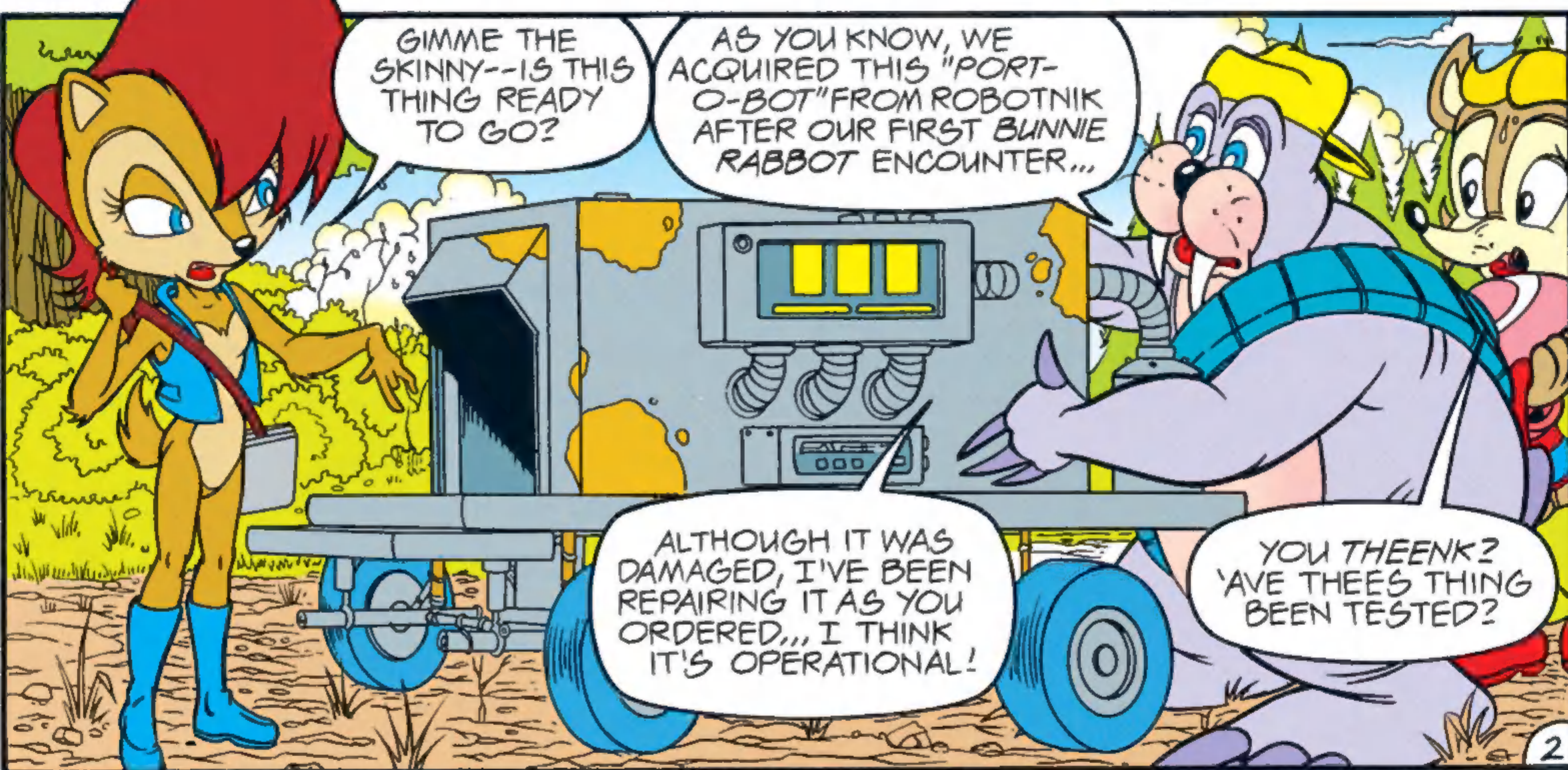
I WEEL BE
HAPPY TO FORM
A SUB-COMMITTEE
AND START AN
INVESTIGATION!



DELAY THAT, BUSTER!
I'M GIVING THE ORDERS
HERE! ROTOR, BRING ME
THE 'BOTMAKER!

Shudder:

YES'M!

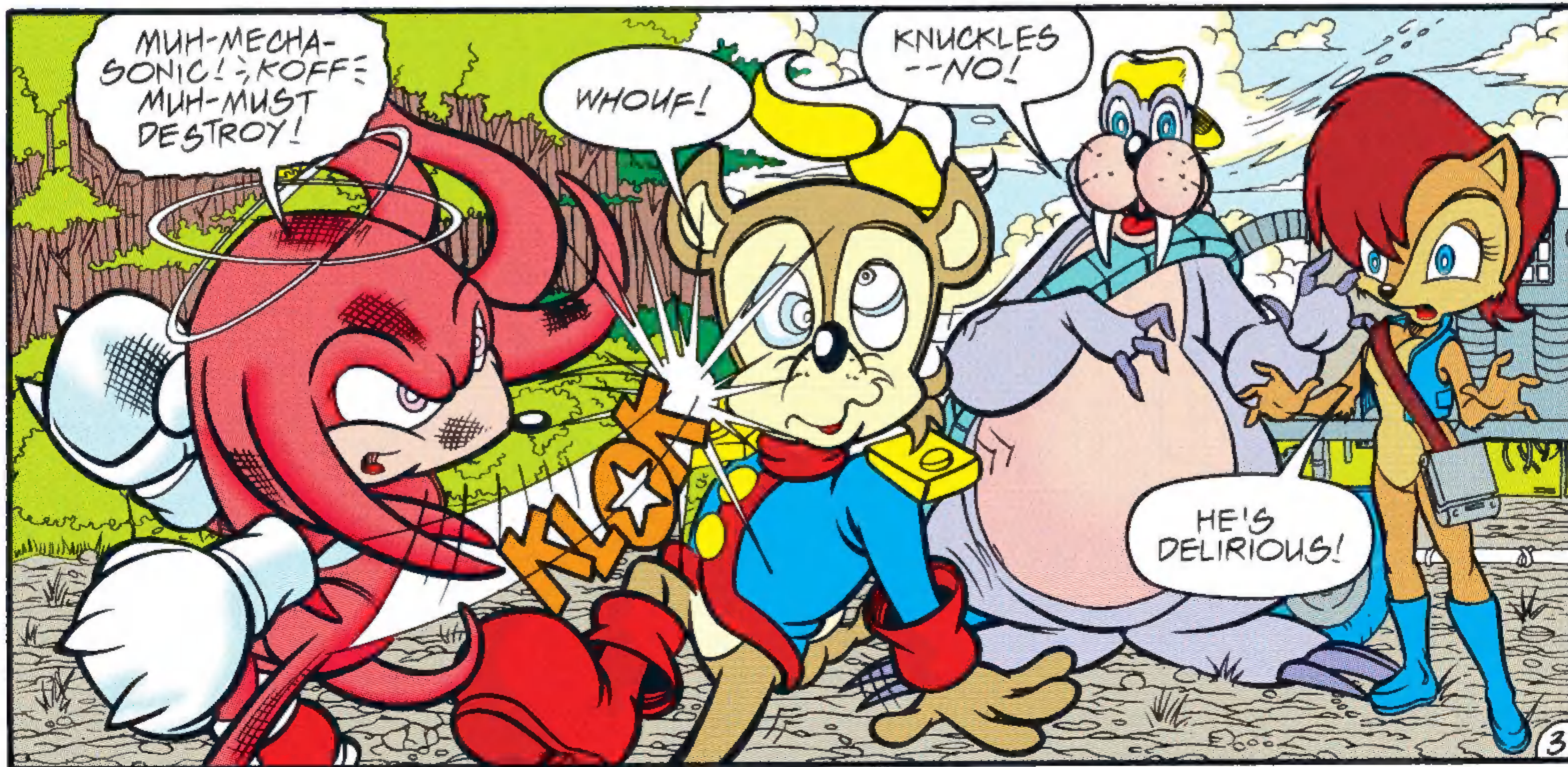
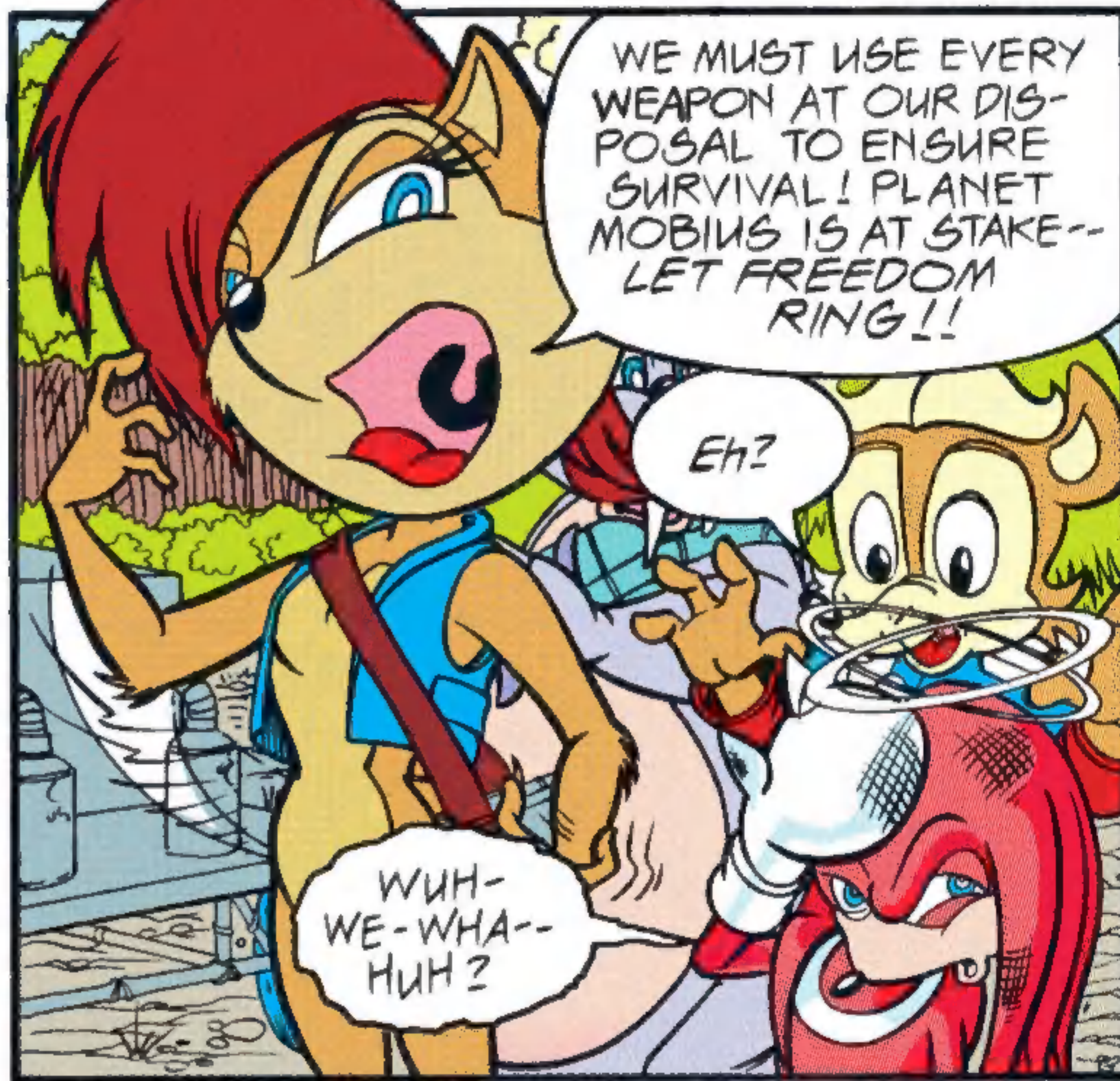
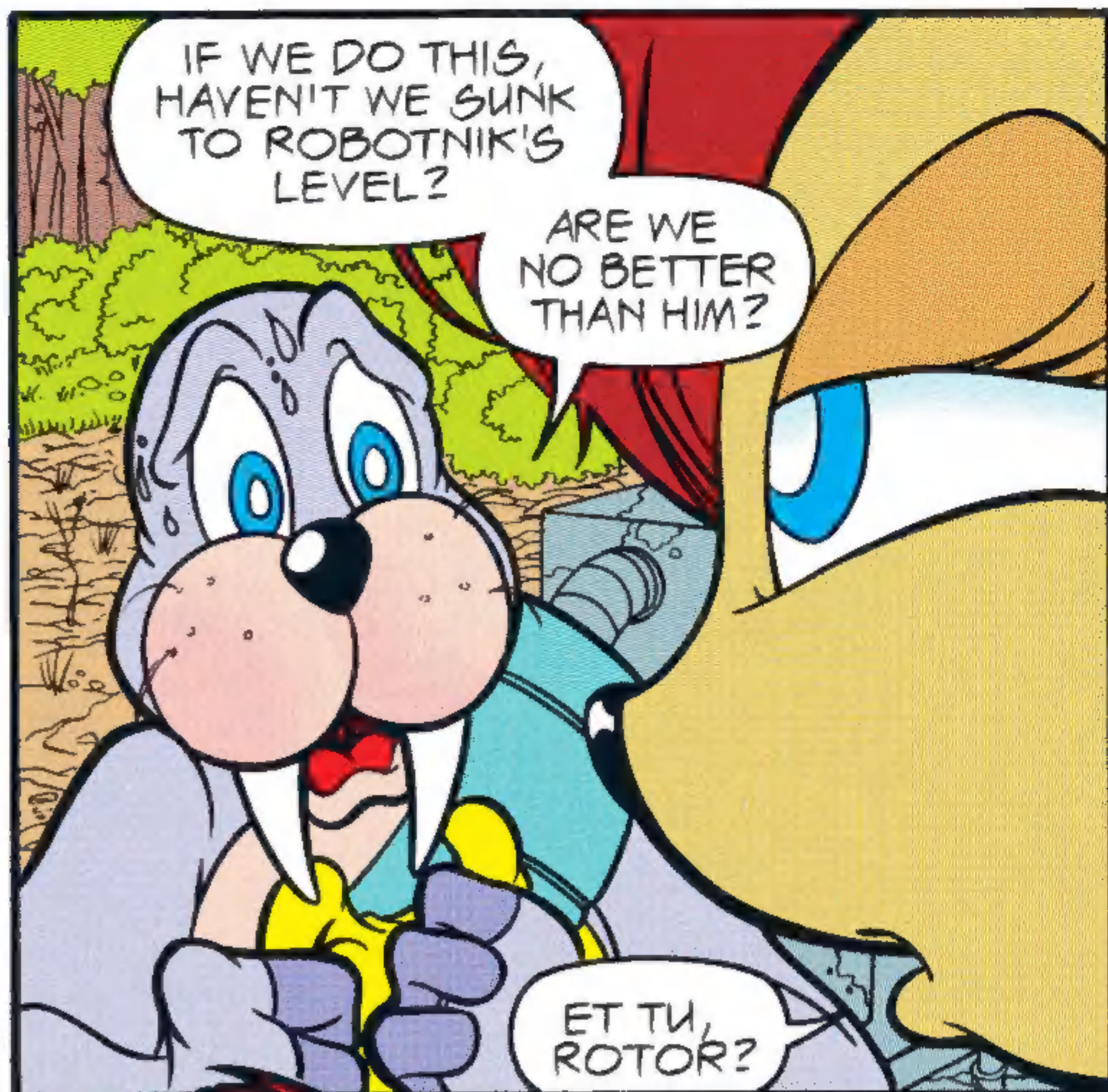


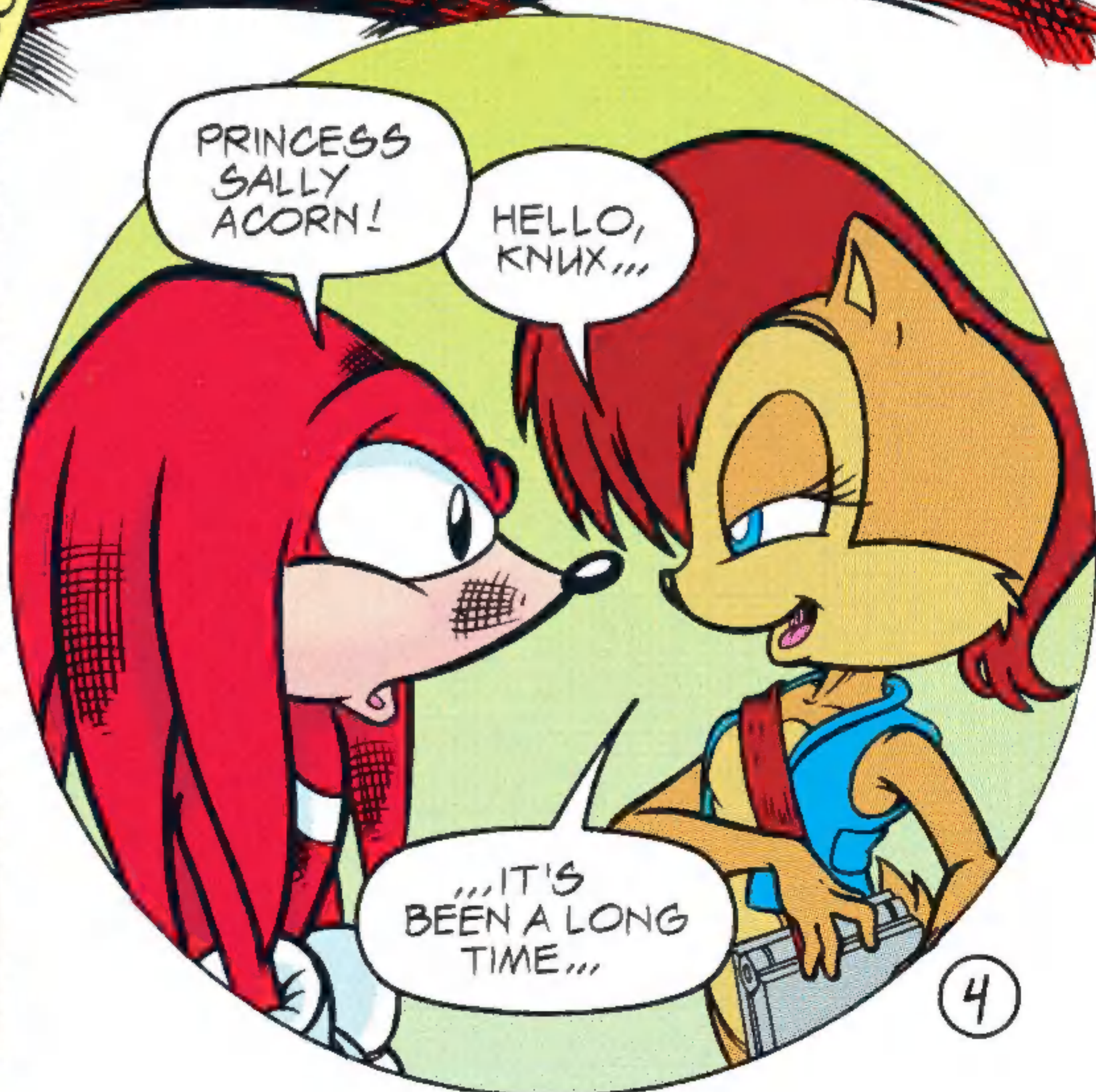
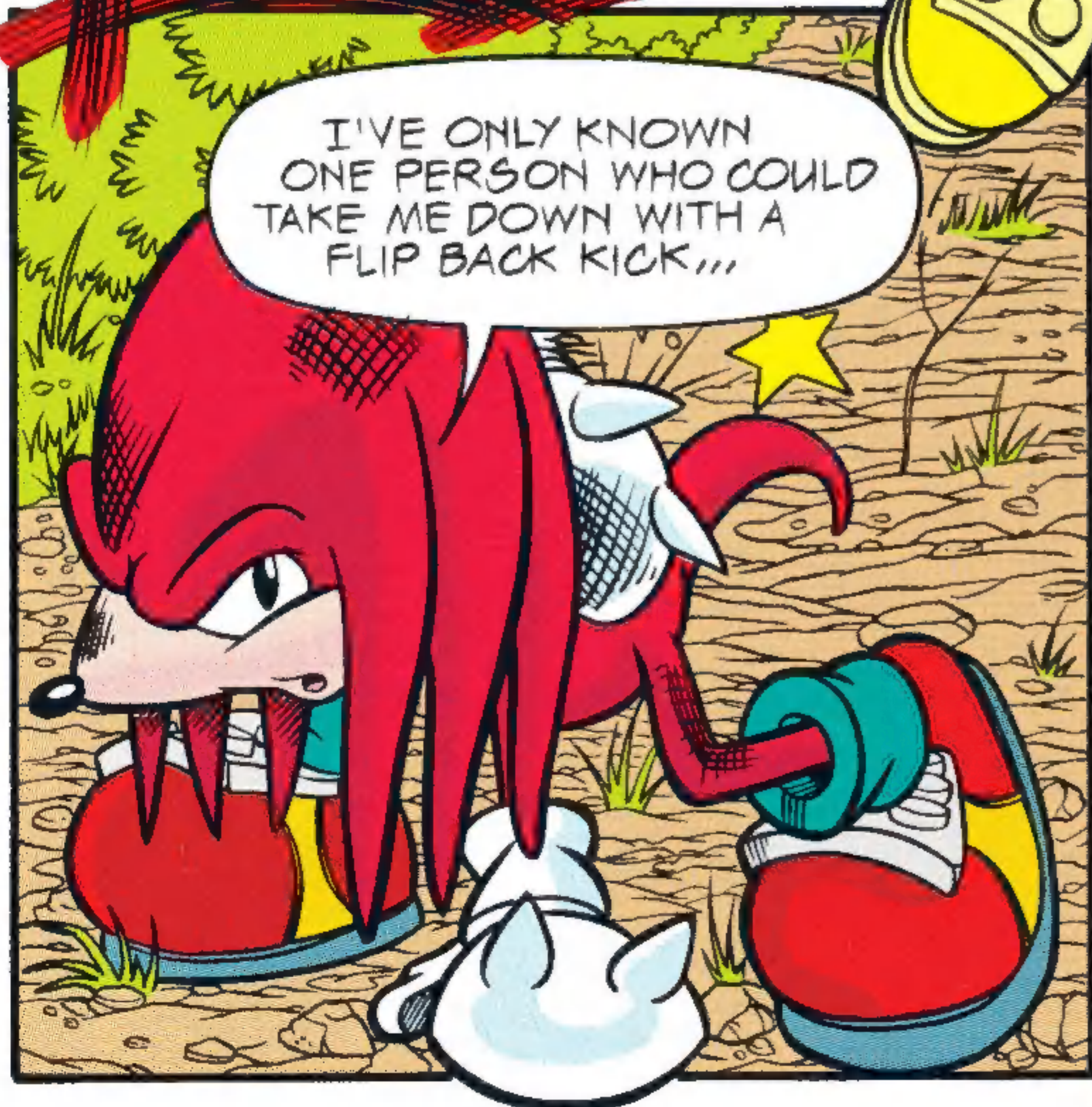
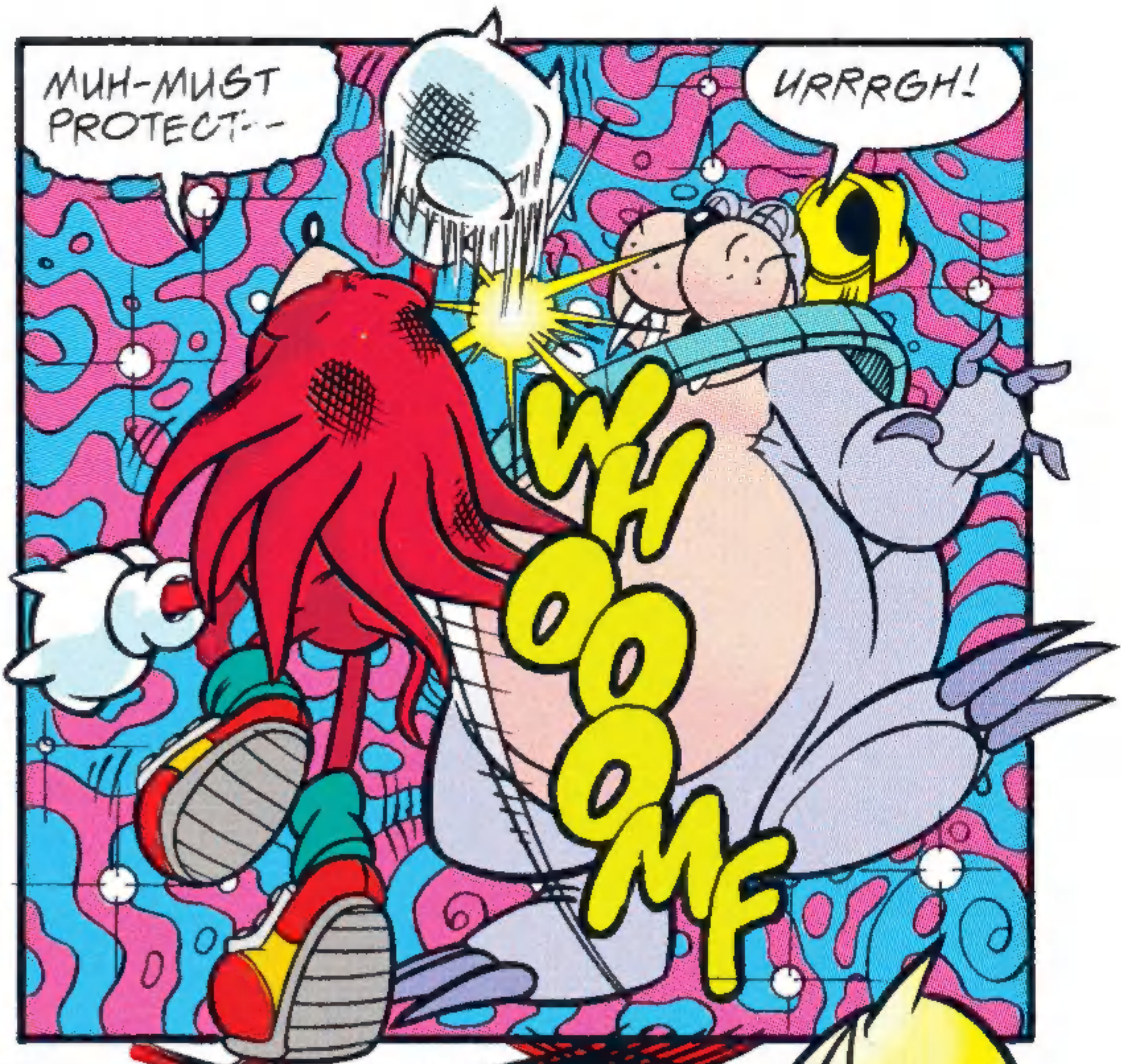
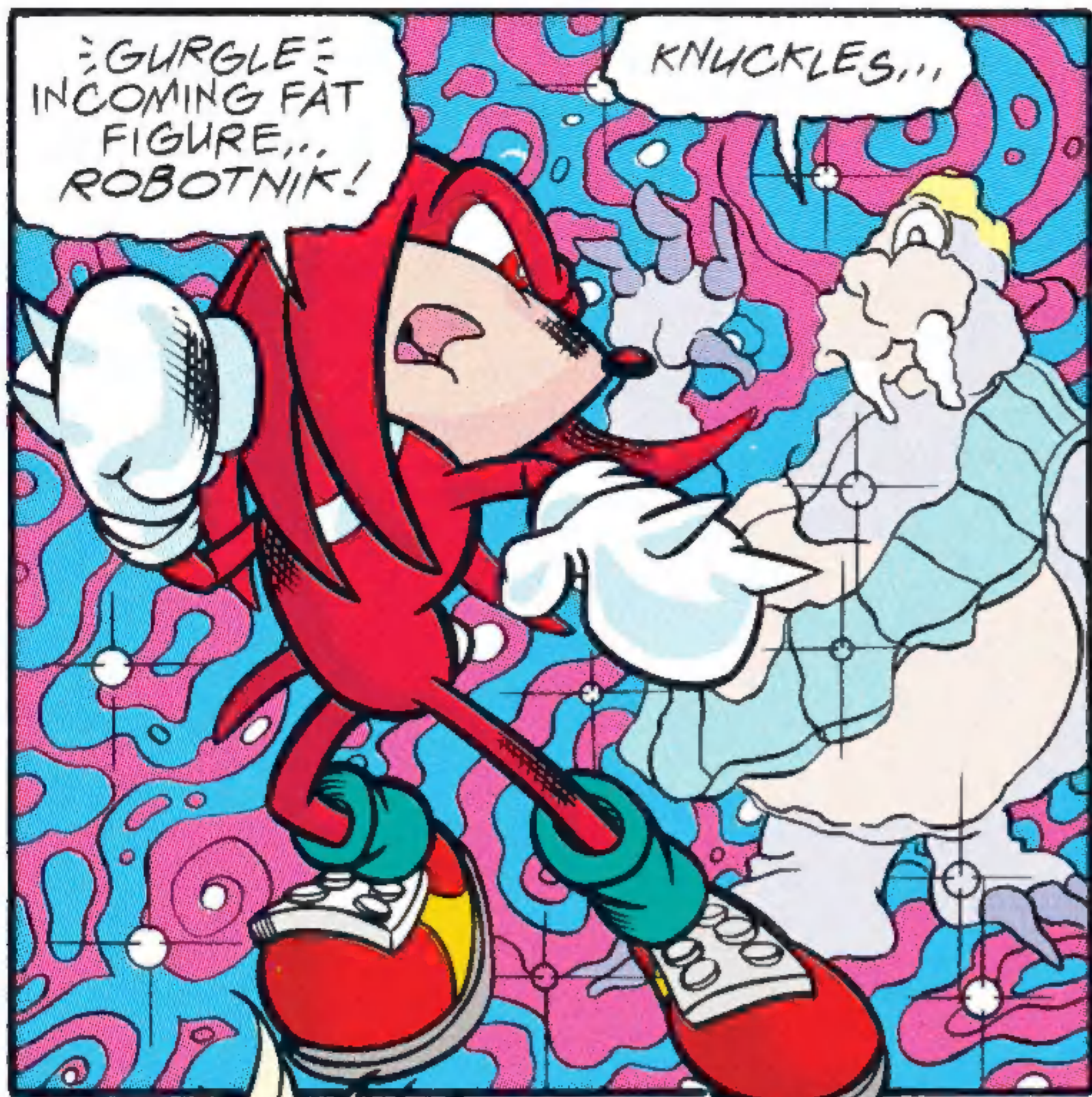
GIMME THE
SKINNY--IS THIS
THING READY
TO GO?

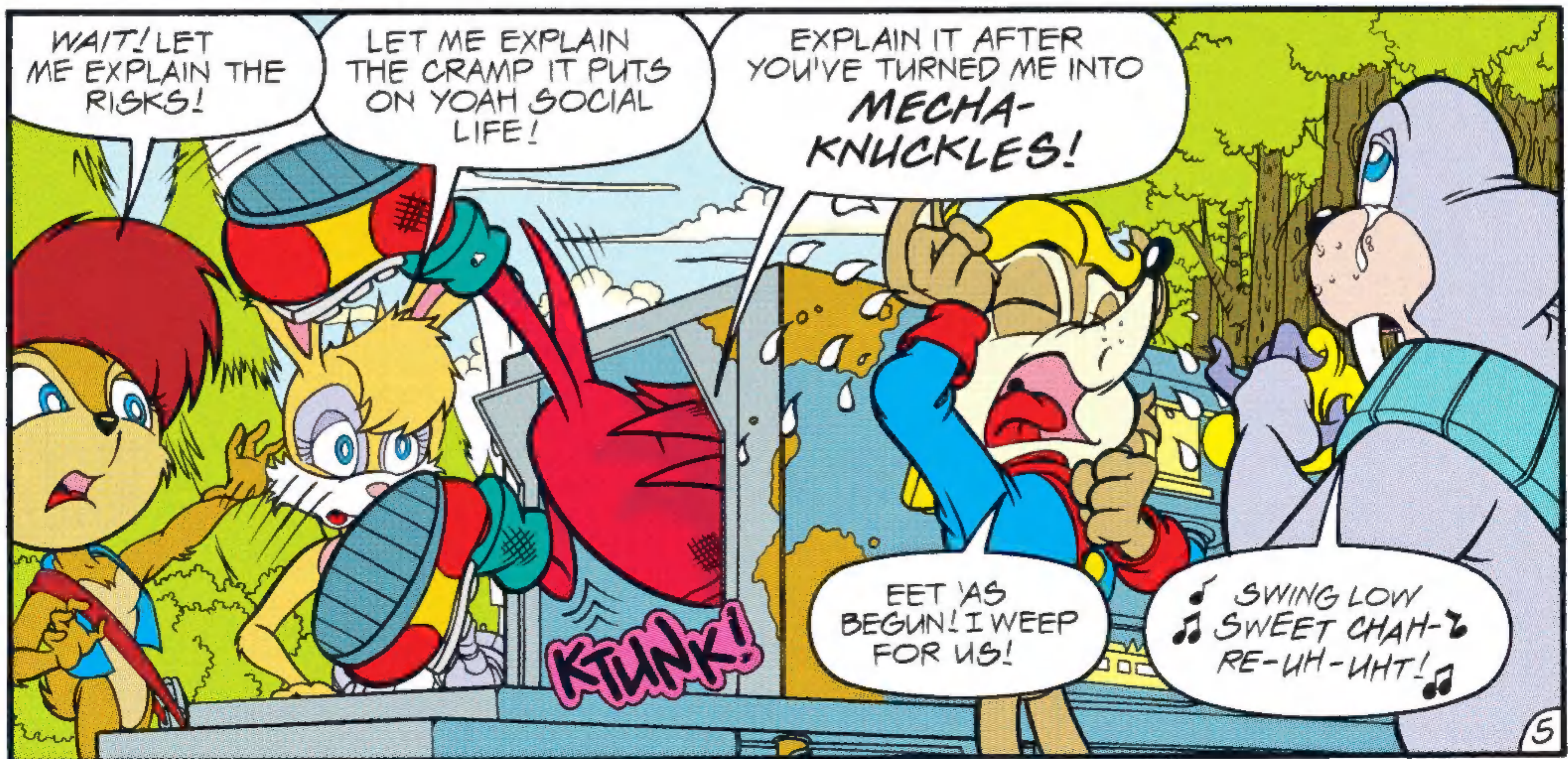
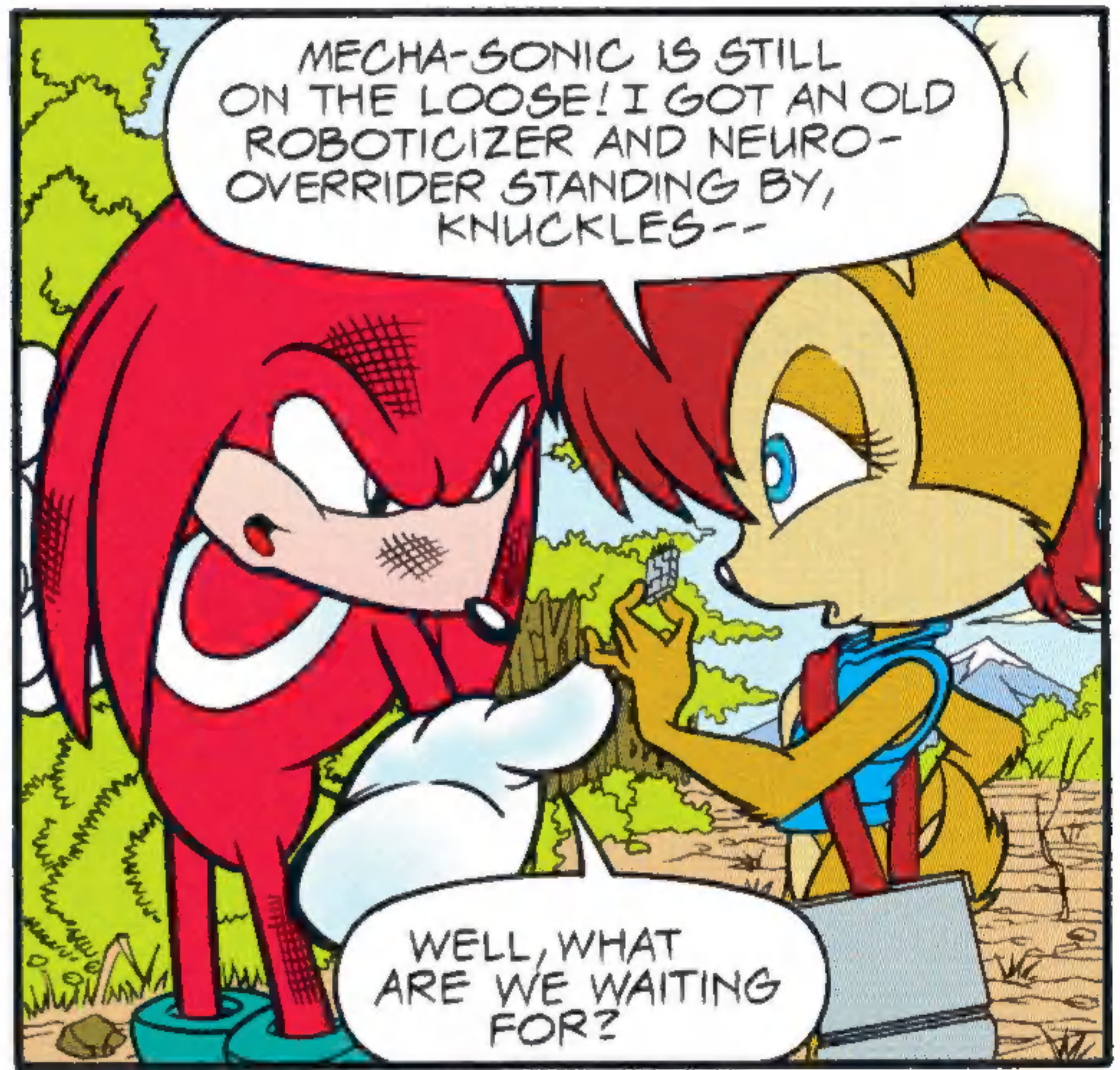
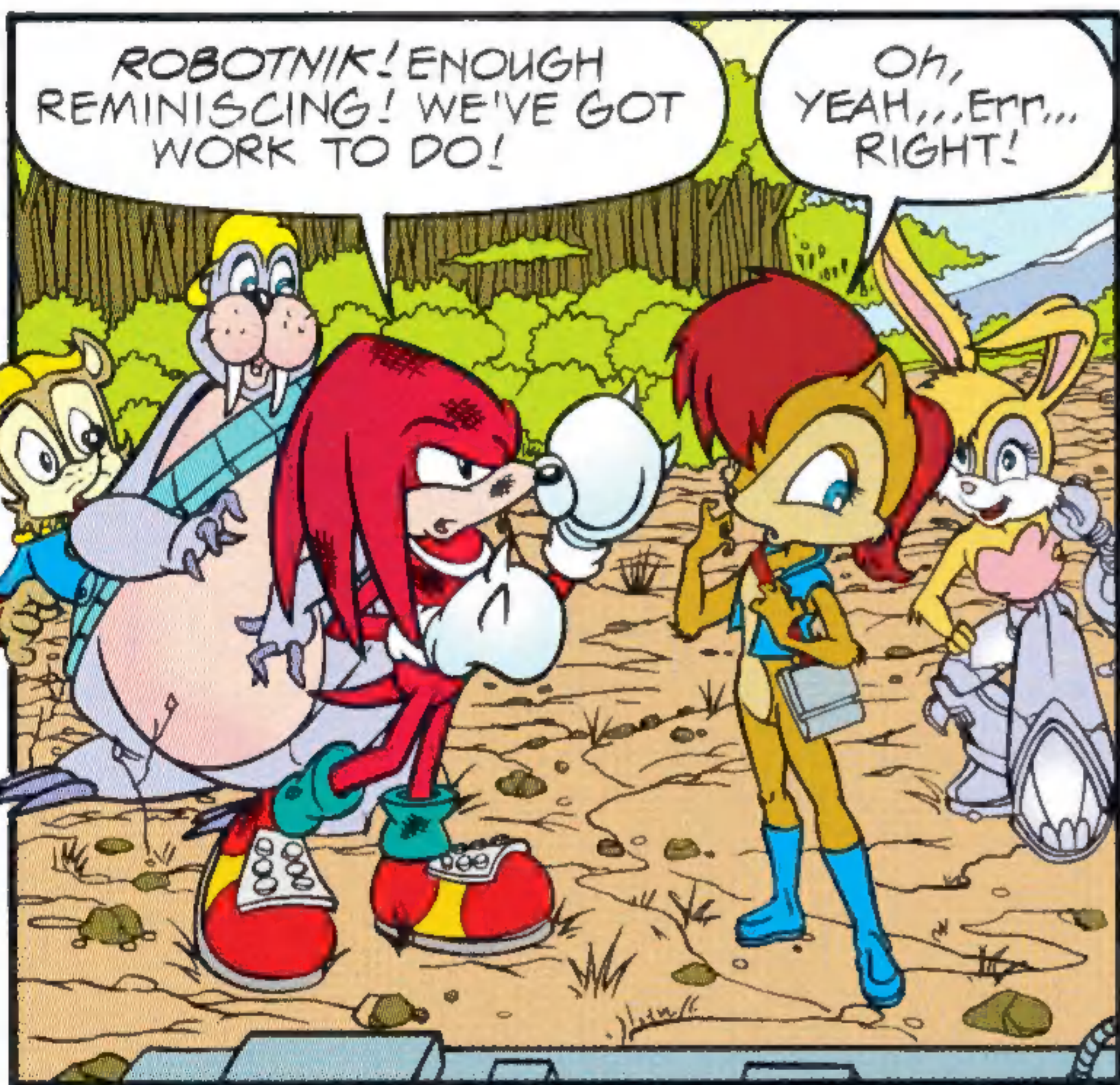
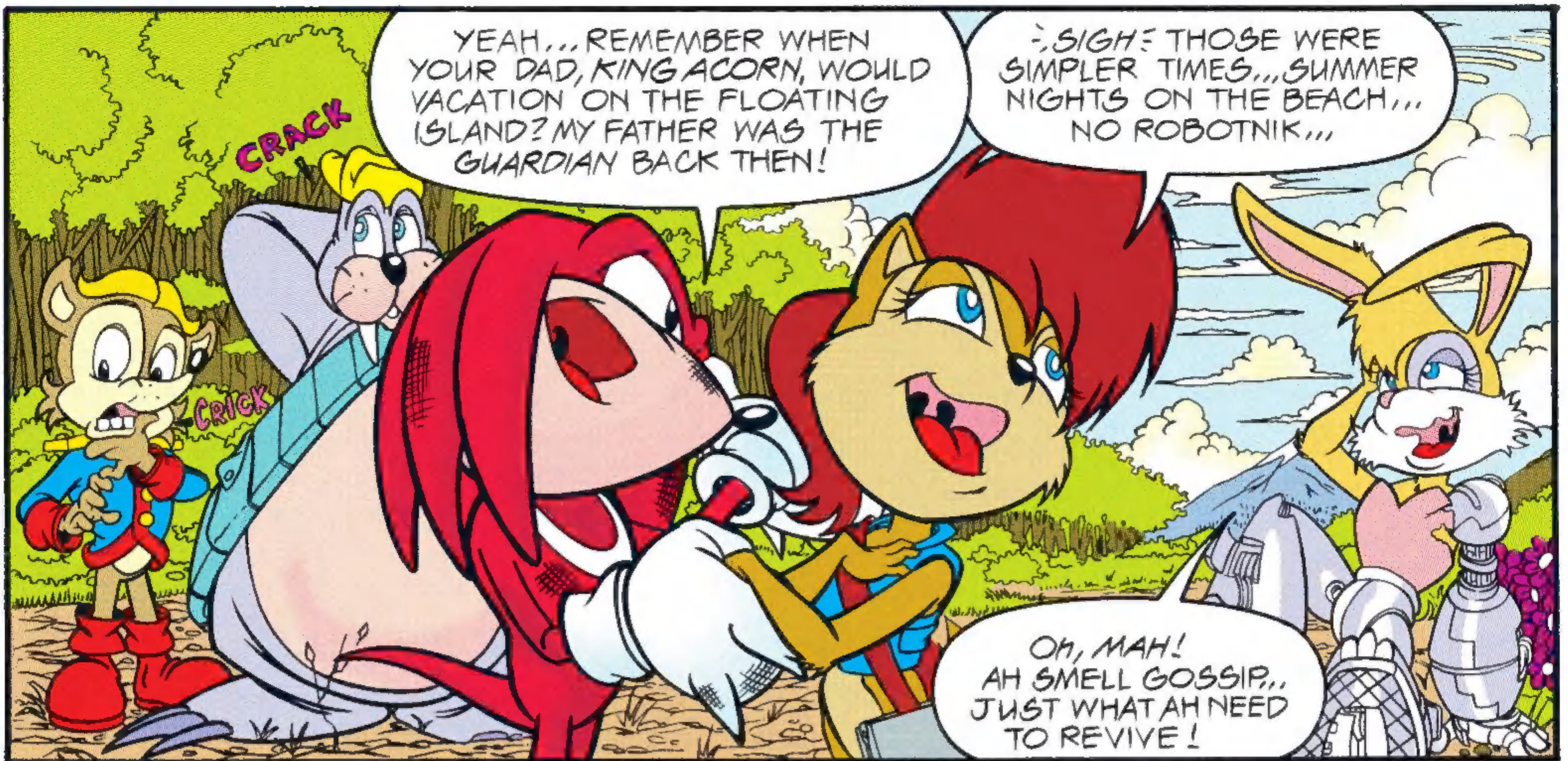
AS YOU KNOW, WE
ACQUIRED THIS "PORT-
O-BOT" FROM ROBOTNIK
AFTER OUR FIRST BUNNIE
RABBIT ENCOUNTER...

ALTHOUGH IT WAS
DAMAGED, I'VE BEEN
REPAIRING IT AS YOU
ORDERED,,, I THINK
IT'S OPERATIONAL!

YOU THEENK?
'AVE THEES THING
BEEN TESTED?







SONIC™

THE HEDGEHOG
IS OBLITERATING KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE!

MECHA MADNESS

PART 11

CRACK

IT'S A
GOOD THING I HAD
THE PLACE EVACUATED!
THERE'S NO ONE HERE
...EXCEPT...

uh-
oh!

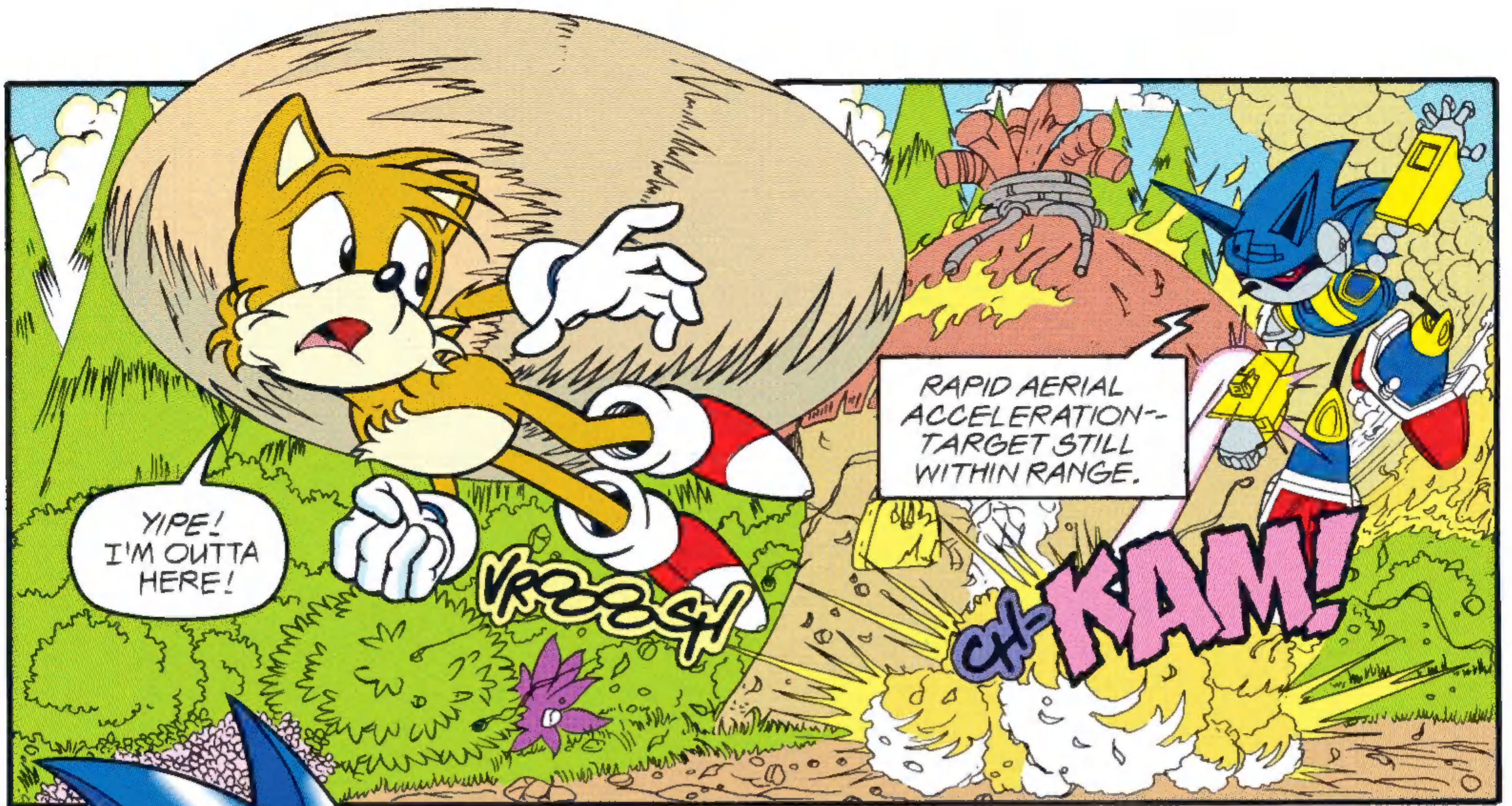
ME!

WHOOOP...
I'VE BEEN
SPOTTED!

FREEDOM
FIGHTER CODENAME:
TAILS!

ELIMINATE!

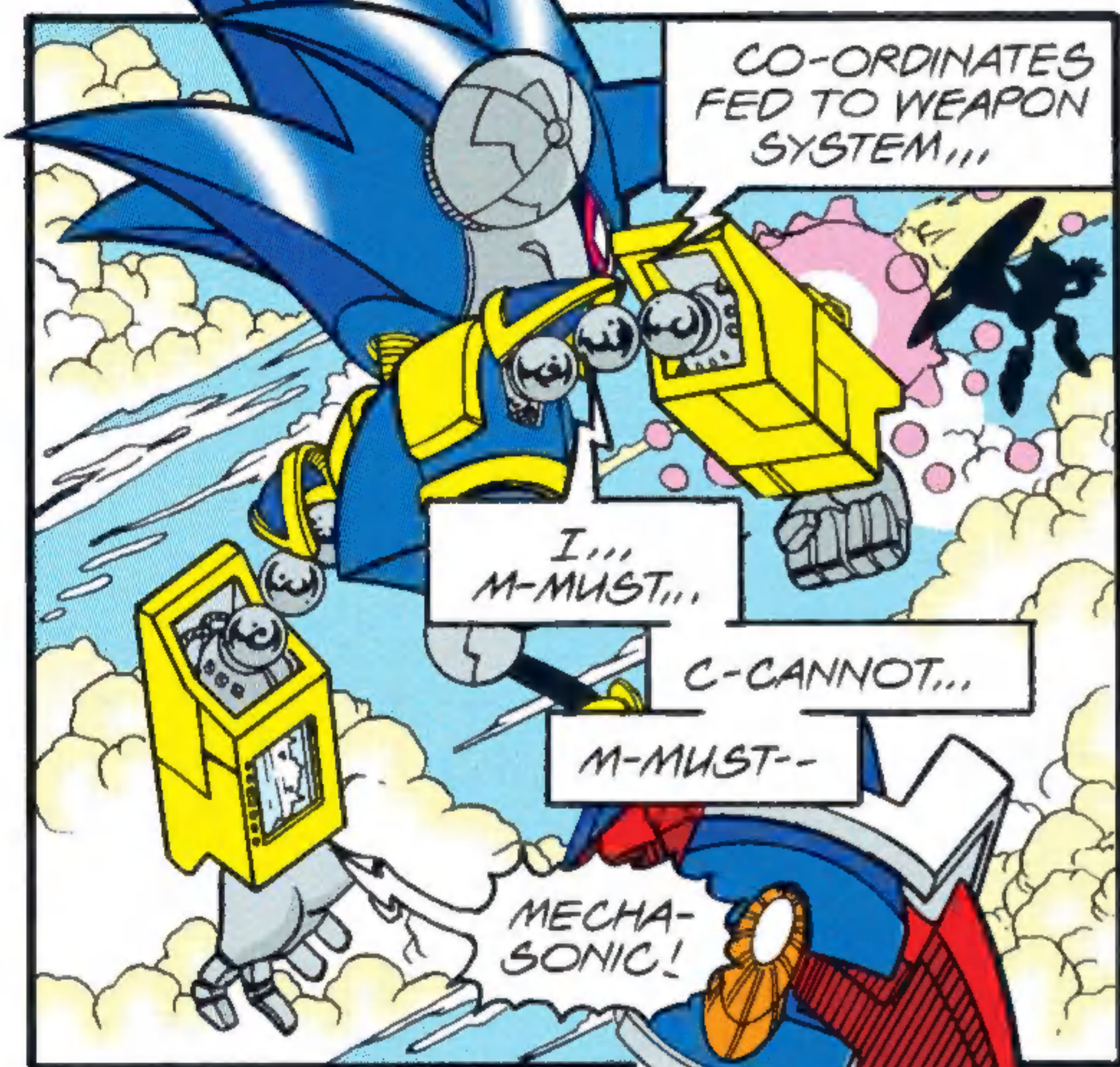
FIRING DISTANCE: 544



YIPE!
I'M OUTTA
HERE!

RAPID AERIAL
ACCELERATION--
TARGET STILL
WITHIN RANGE.

KAM!



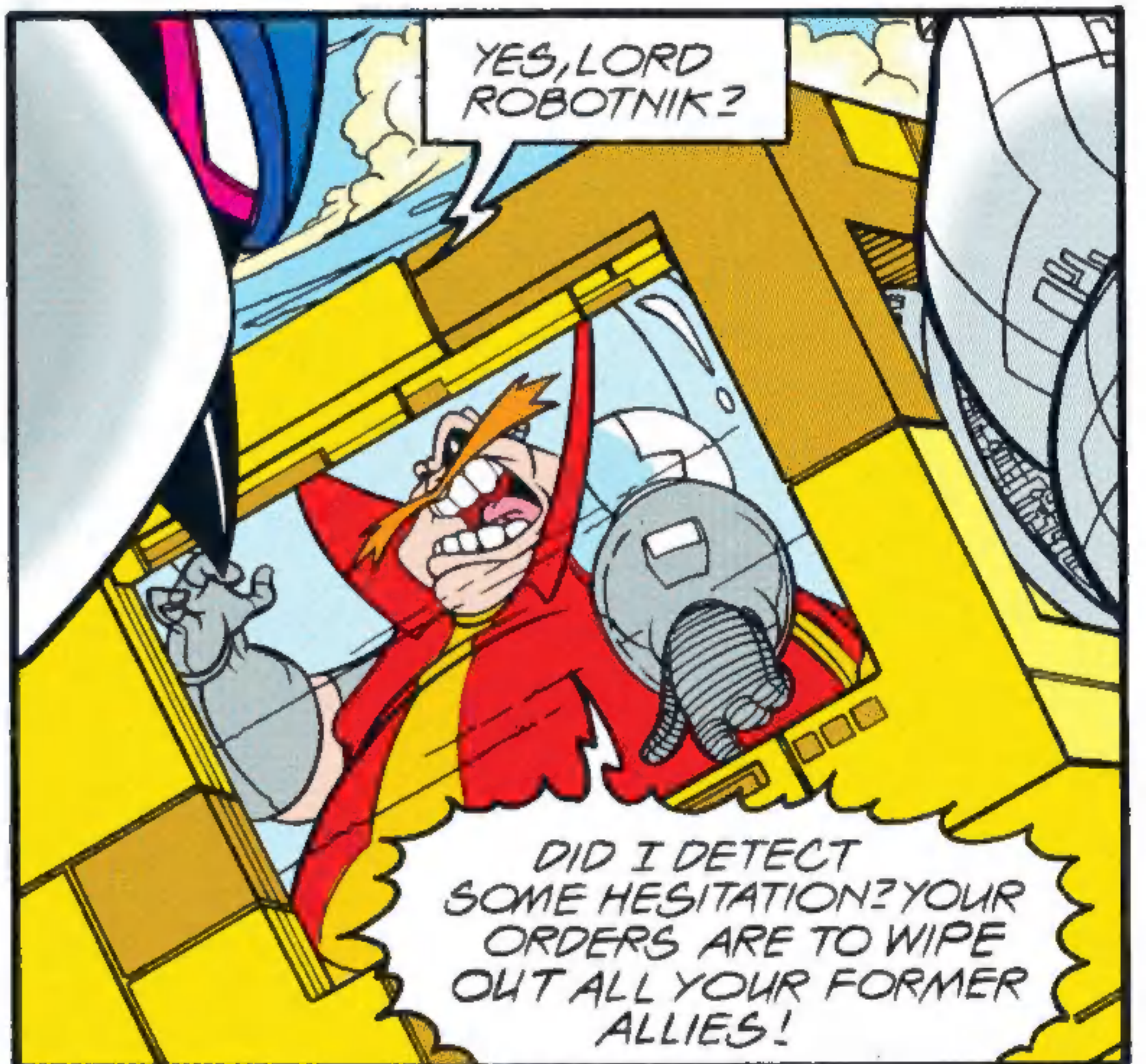
CO-ORDINATES
FED TO WEAPON
SYSTEM...

I...
M-MUST...

C-CANNOT...

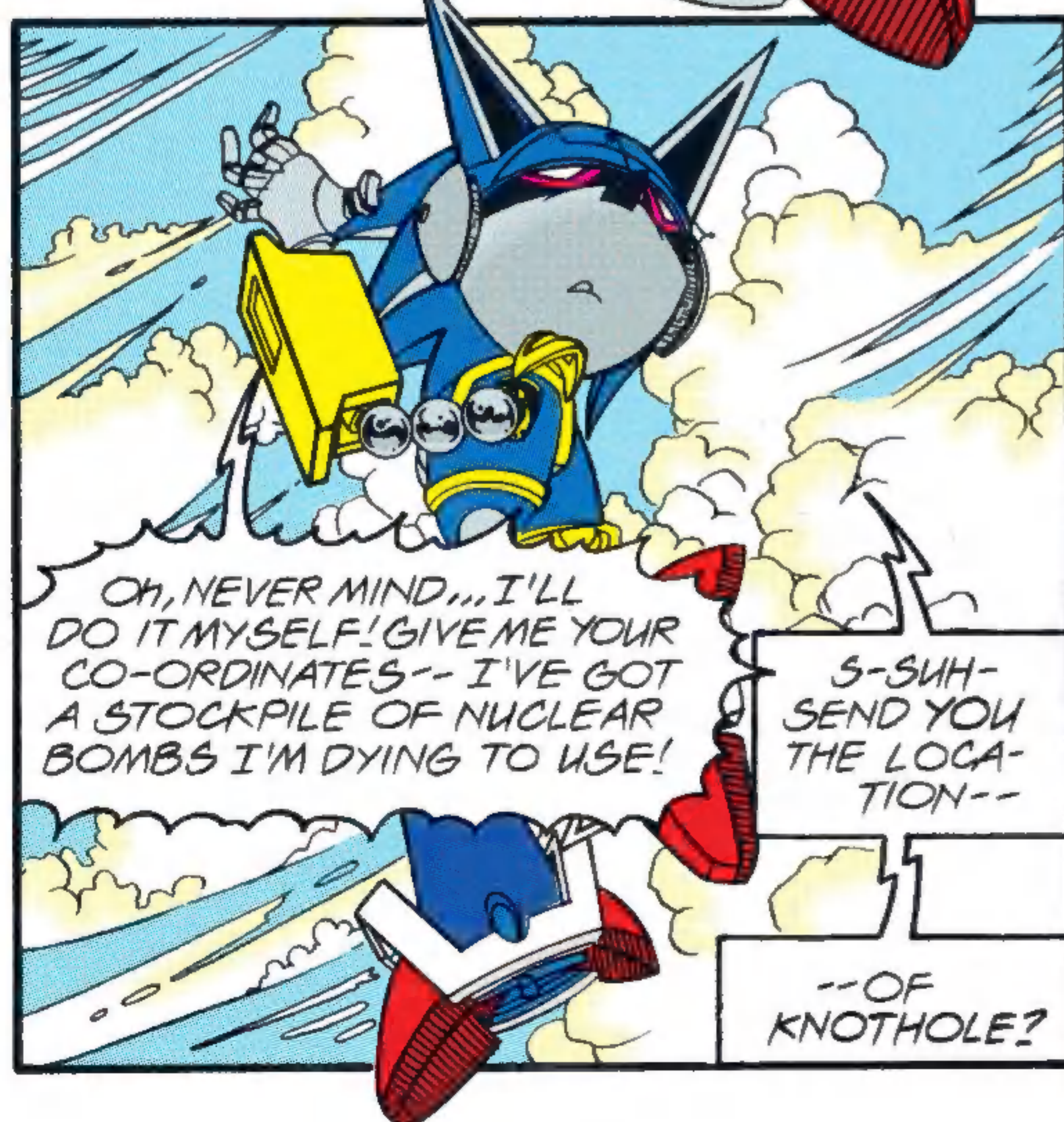
M-MUST--

MECHA-
SONIC!



YES, LORD
ROBOTNIK?

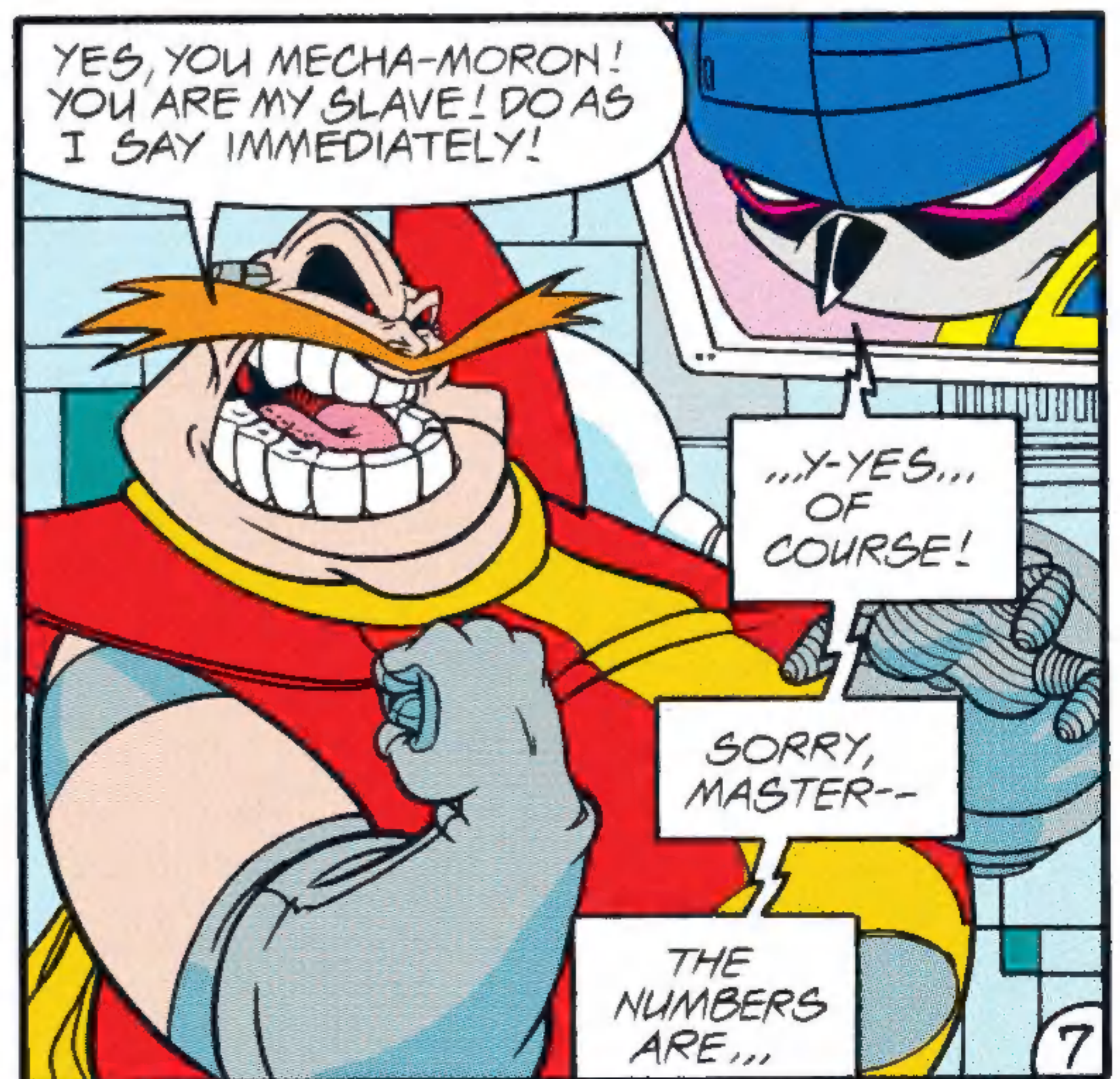
DID I DETECT
SOME HESITATION? YOUR
ORDERS ARE TO WIPE
OUT ALL YOUR FORMER
ALLIES!



OH, NEVER MIND... I'LL
DO IT MYSELF! GIVE ME YOUR
CO-ORDINATES-- I'VE GOT
A STOCKPILE OF NUCLEAR
BOMBS I'M DYING TO USE!

S-SUH-
SEND YOU
THE LOCA-
TION--

--OF
KNOTHOLE?

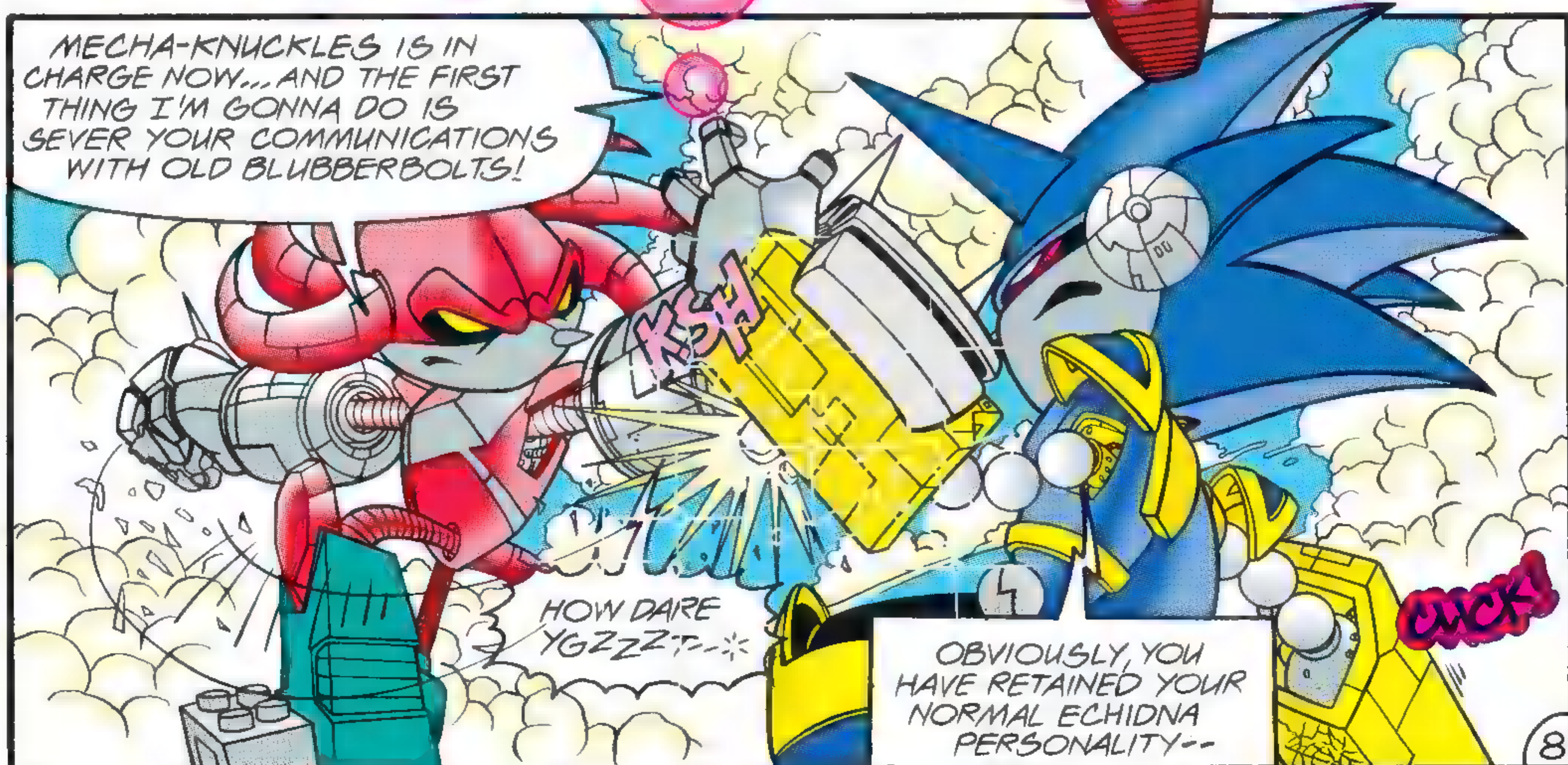
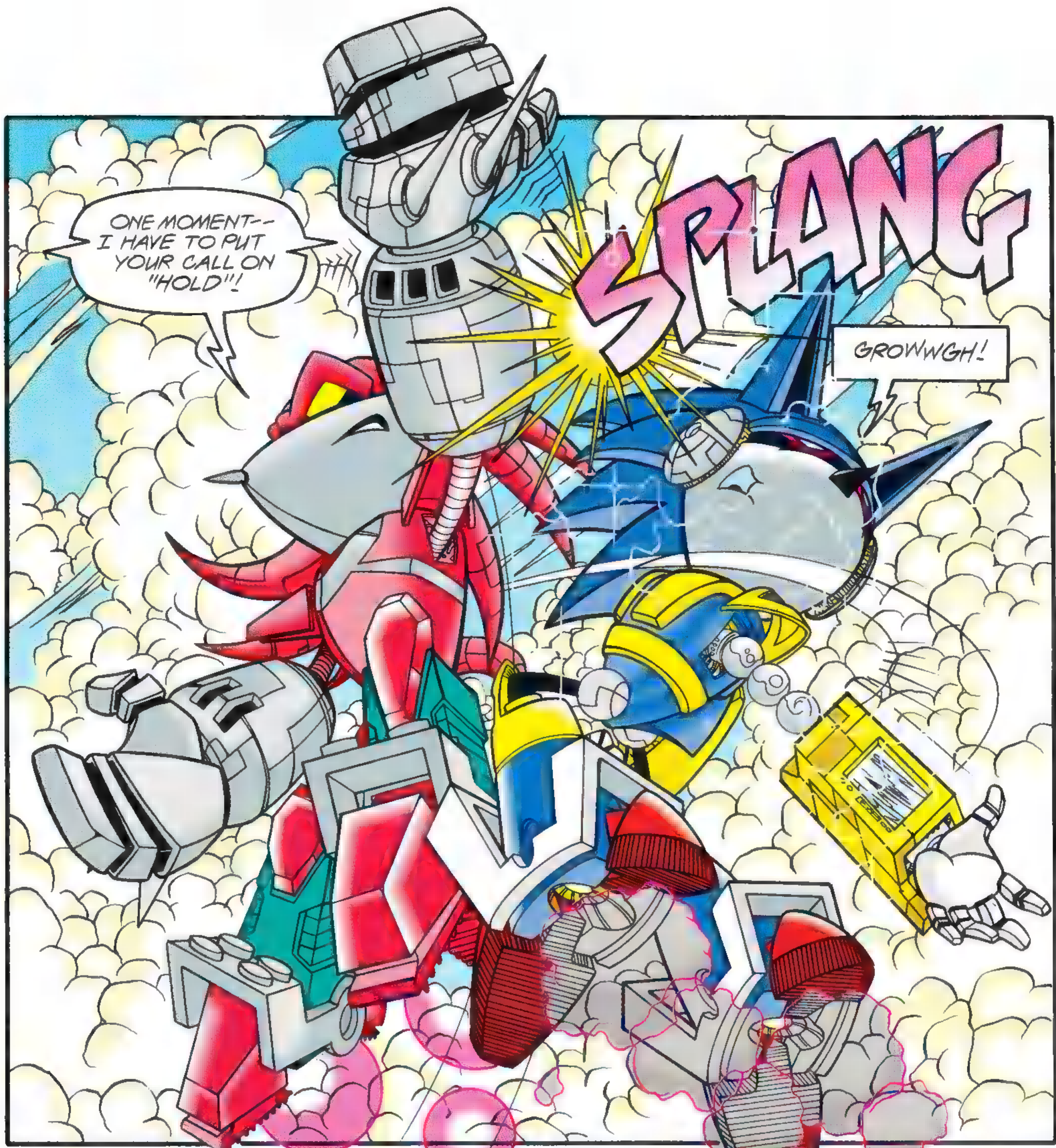


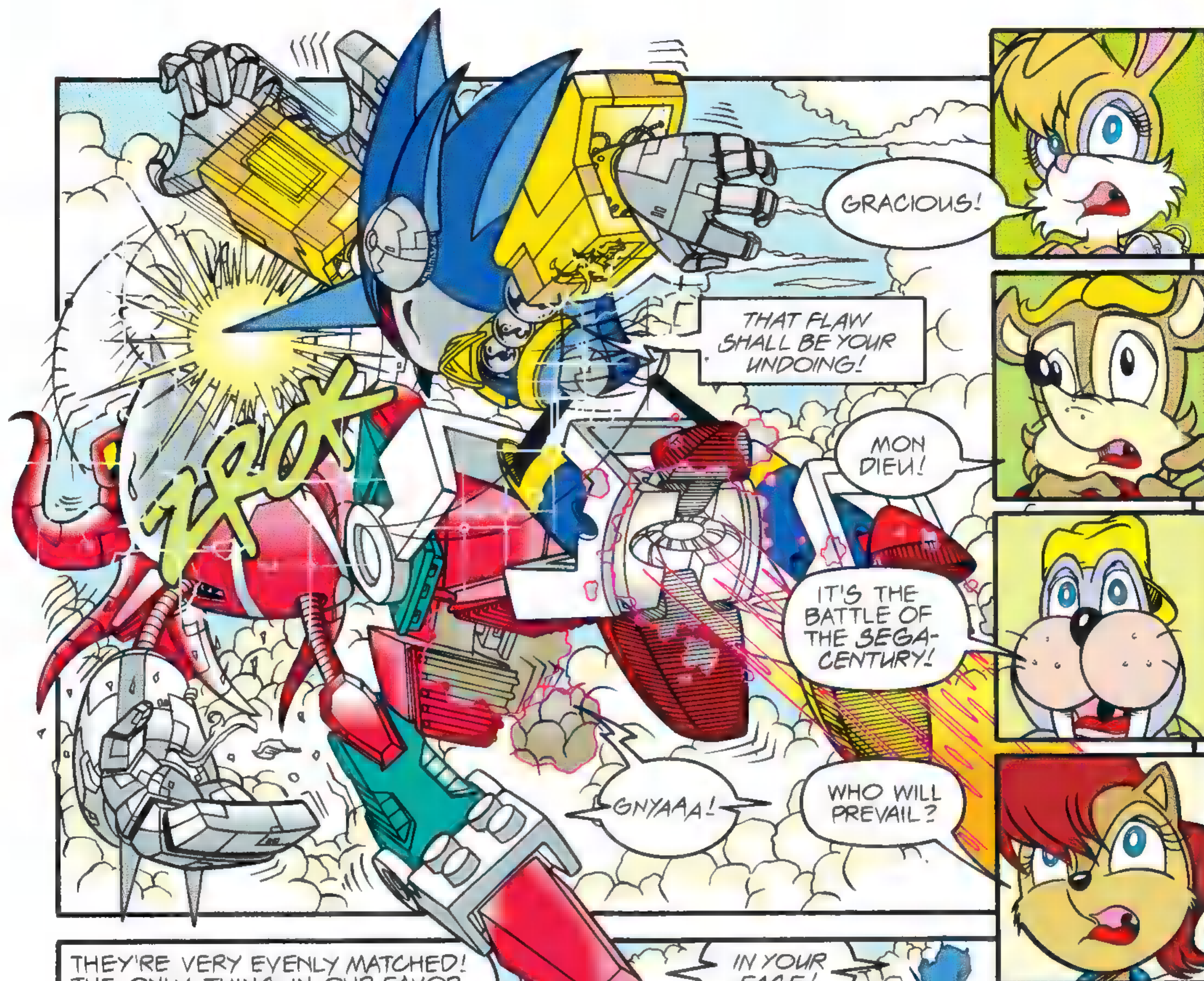
YES, YOU MECHA-MORON!
YOU ARE MY SLAVE! DO AS
I SAY IMMEDIATELY!

...Y-YES...
OF
COURSE!

SORRY,
MASTER--

THE
NUMBERS
ARE...





GRACIOUS!

THAT FLAW
SHALL BE YOUR
UNDOING!

MON
DIEU!

IT'S THE
BATTLE OF
THE SEGA-
CENTURY!

GNYAAA!

WHO WILL
PREVAIL?

THEY'RE VERY EVENLY MATCHED!
THE ONLY THING IN OUR FAVOR
IS THAT MECHA-KNUCKLES
HAS FRESH LEGS!

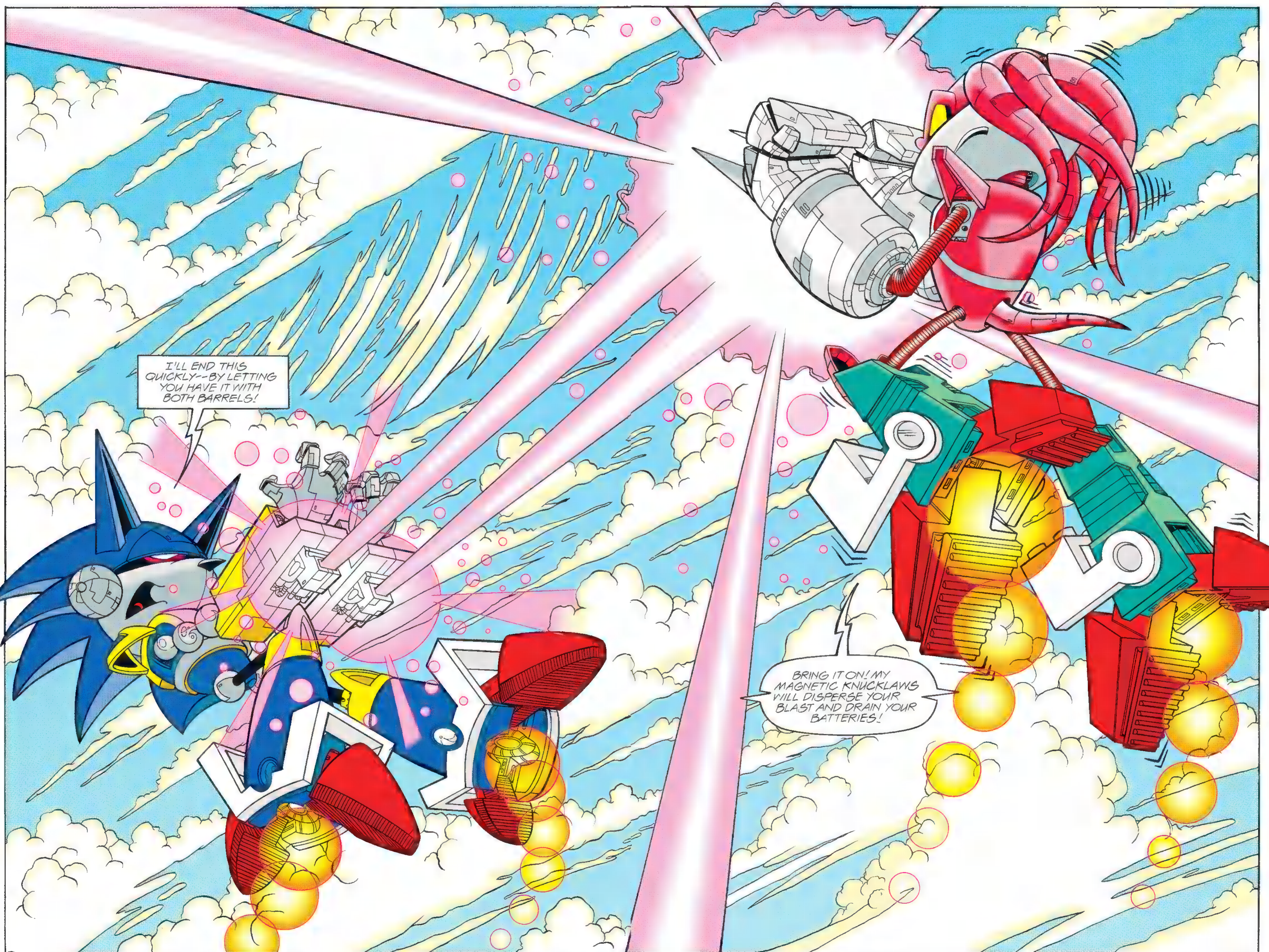
IN YOUR
FACE!

RIGHT! MECHA-SONIC
HAS ALREADY BATTLED
BUNNIE AND KNUCKLES IN
HIS NORMAL FORM!!!

AWP!

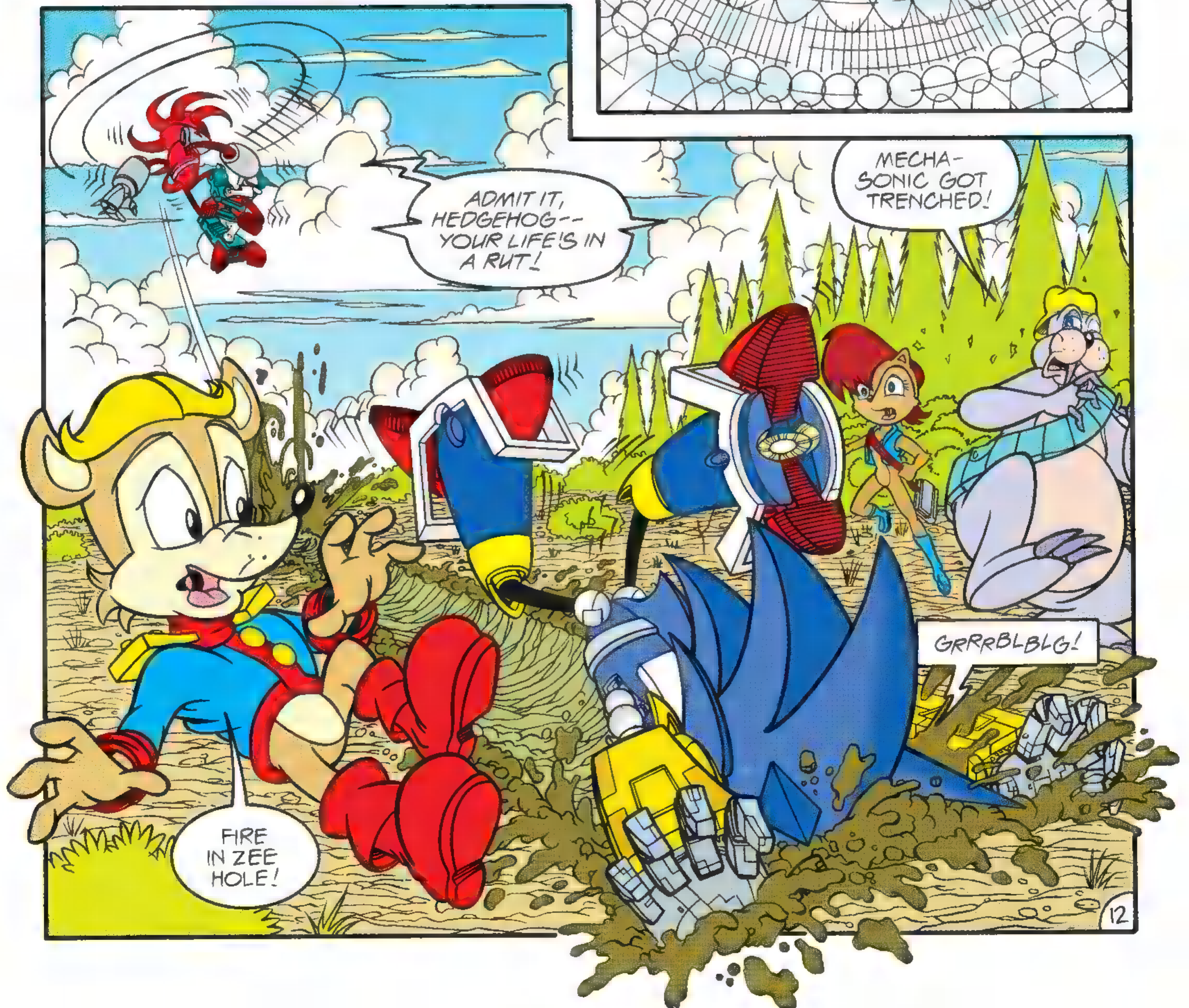
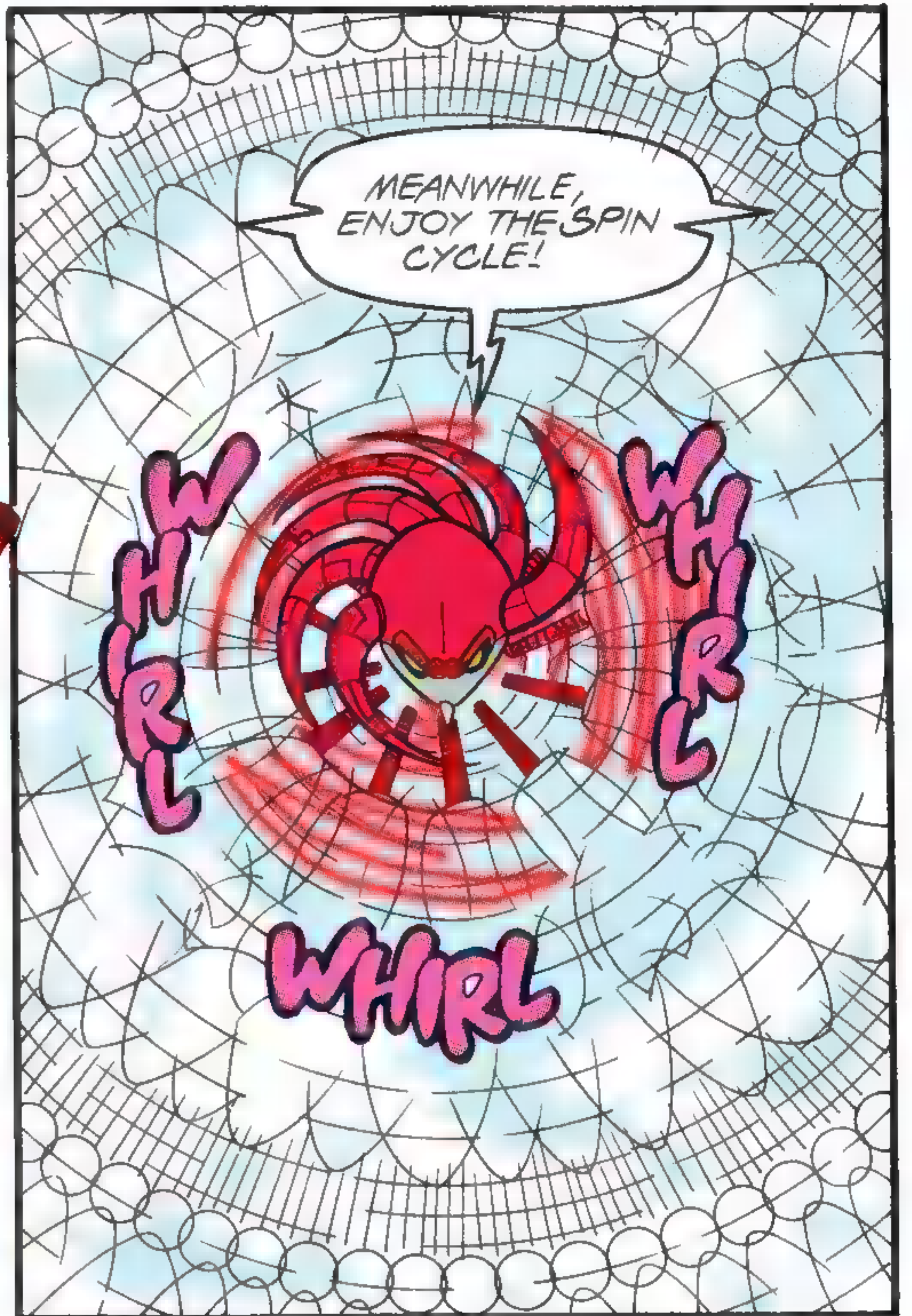
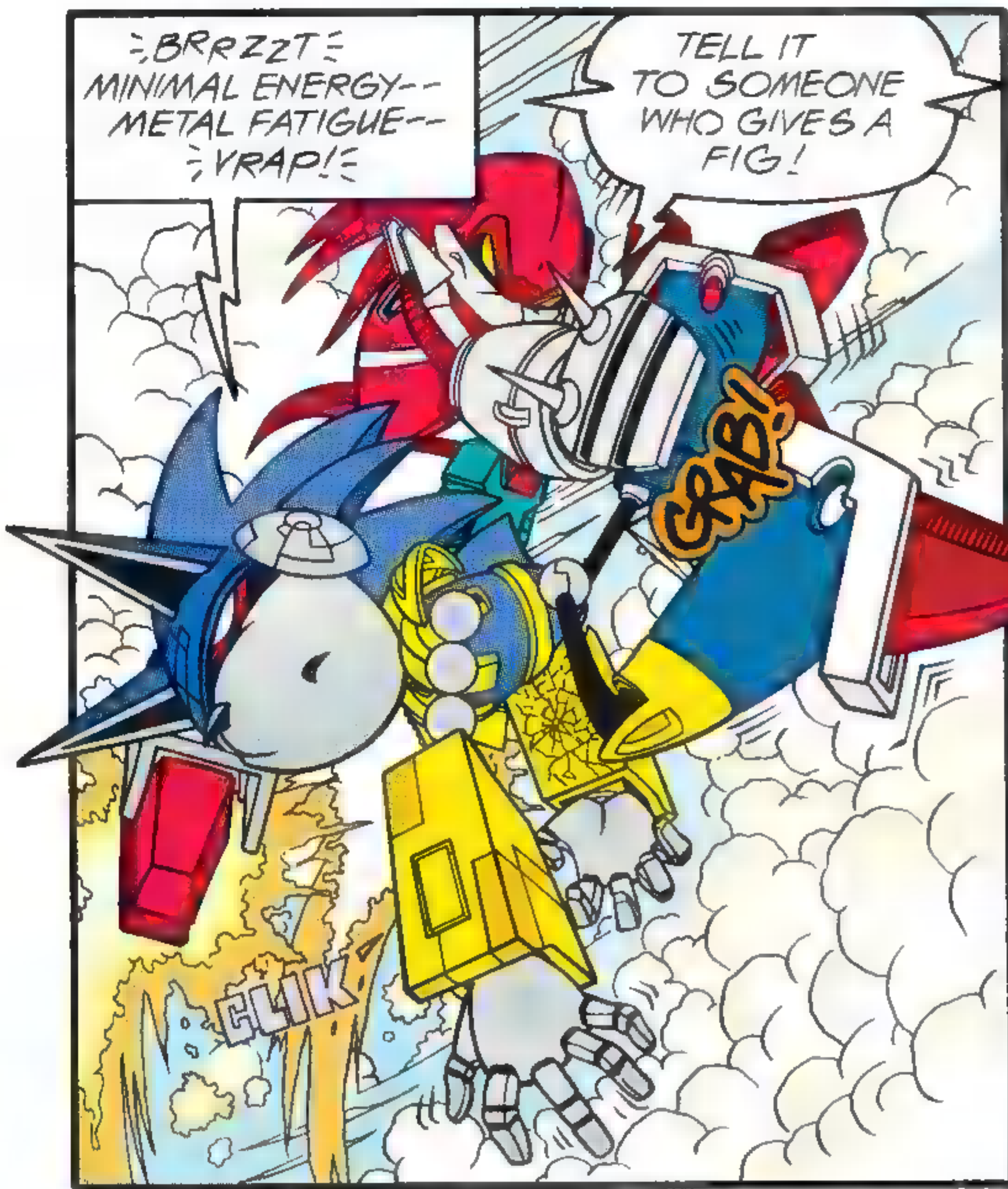
LOOKY YONDER!!!
TAILS IS COMIN' IN
LOW!

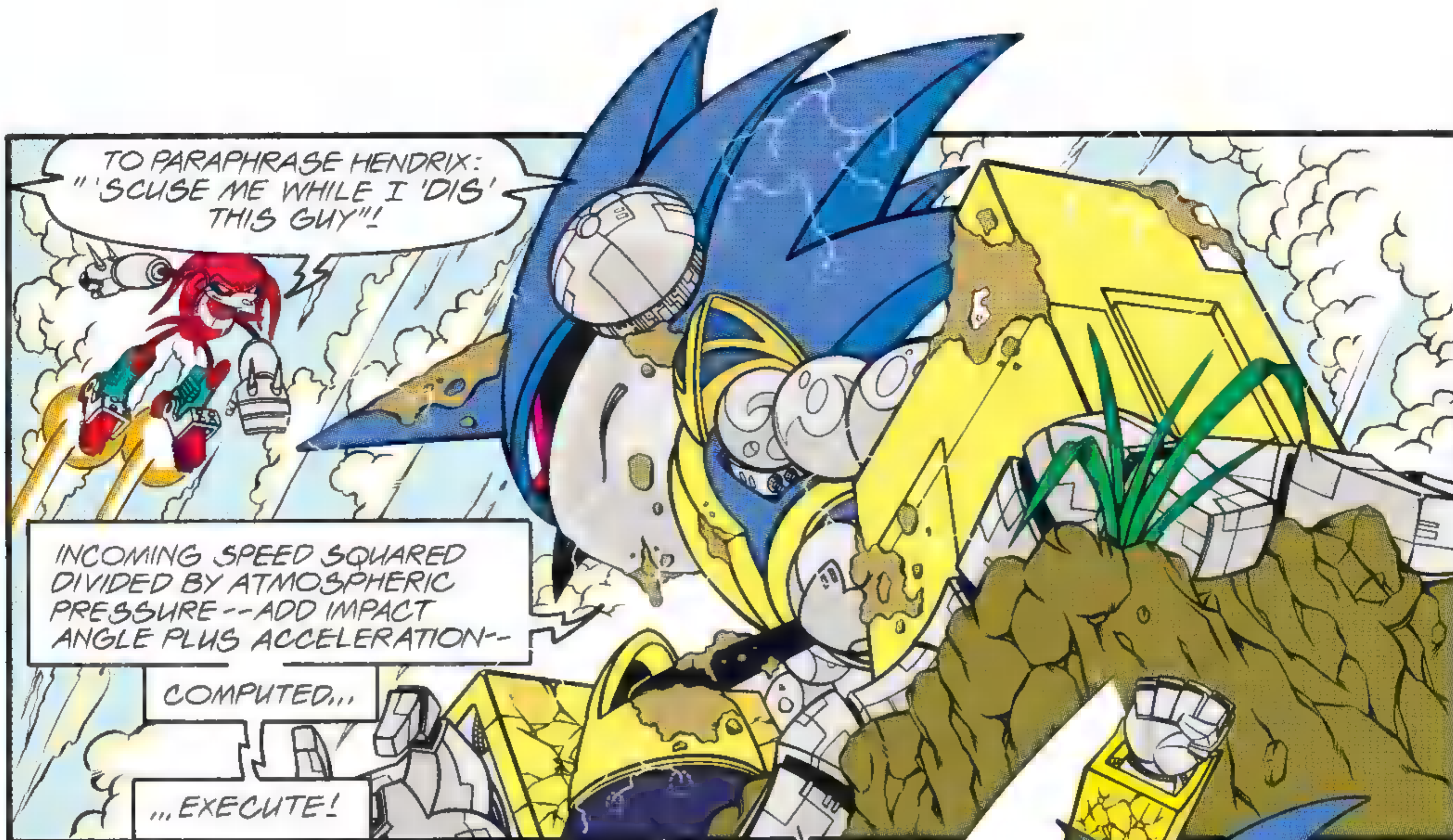
PLUS YOU LET
THE ECHIDNA KEEP
HIS FREE WILL!!!



I'LL END THIS QUICKLY--BY LETTING YOU HAVE IT WITH BOTH BARRELS!

BRING IT ON! MY MAGNETIC KNUCKLAWS WILL DISPERSE YOUR BLAST AND DRAIN YOUR BATTERIES!



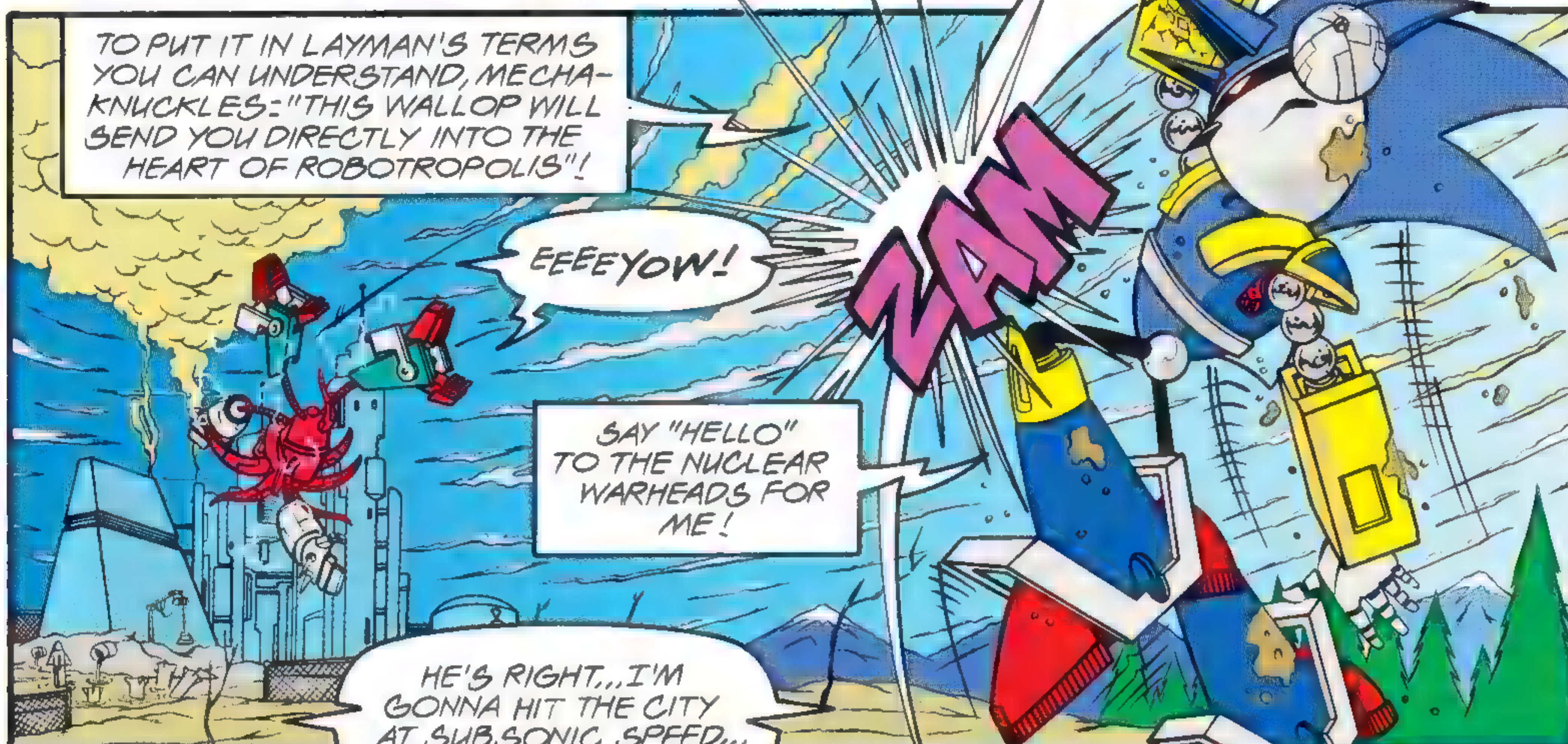


TO PARAPHRASE HENDRIX:
"SCUSE ME WHILE I 'DIS'
THIS GUY!"

INCOMING SPEED SQUARED
DIVIDED BY ATMOSPHERIC
PRESSURE--ADD IMPACT
ANGLE PLUS ACCELERATION--

COMPUTED...

...EXECUTE!

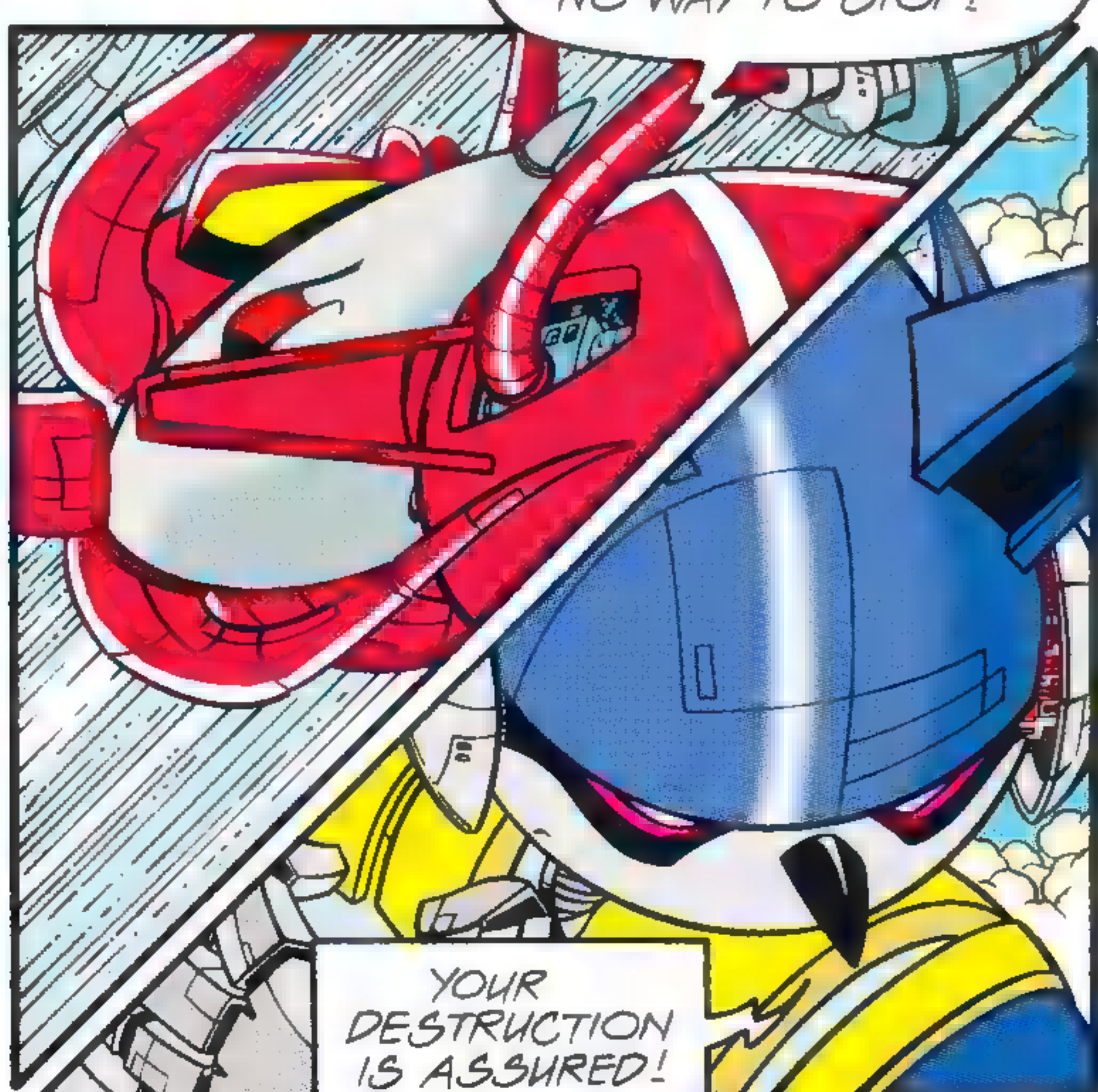


TO PUT IT IN LAYMAN'S TERMS
YOU CAN UNDERSTAND, MECHA-
KNUCKLES: "THIS WALLOP WILL
SEND YOU DIRECTLY INTO THE
HEART OF ROBOTROPOLIS!"

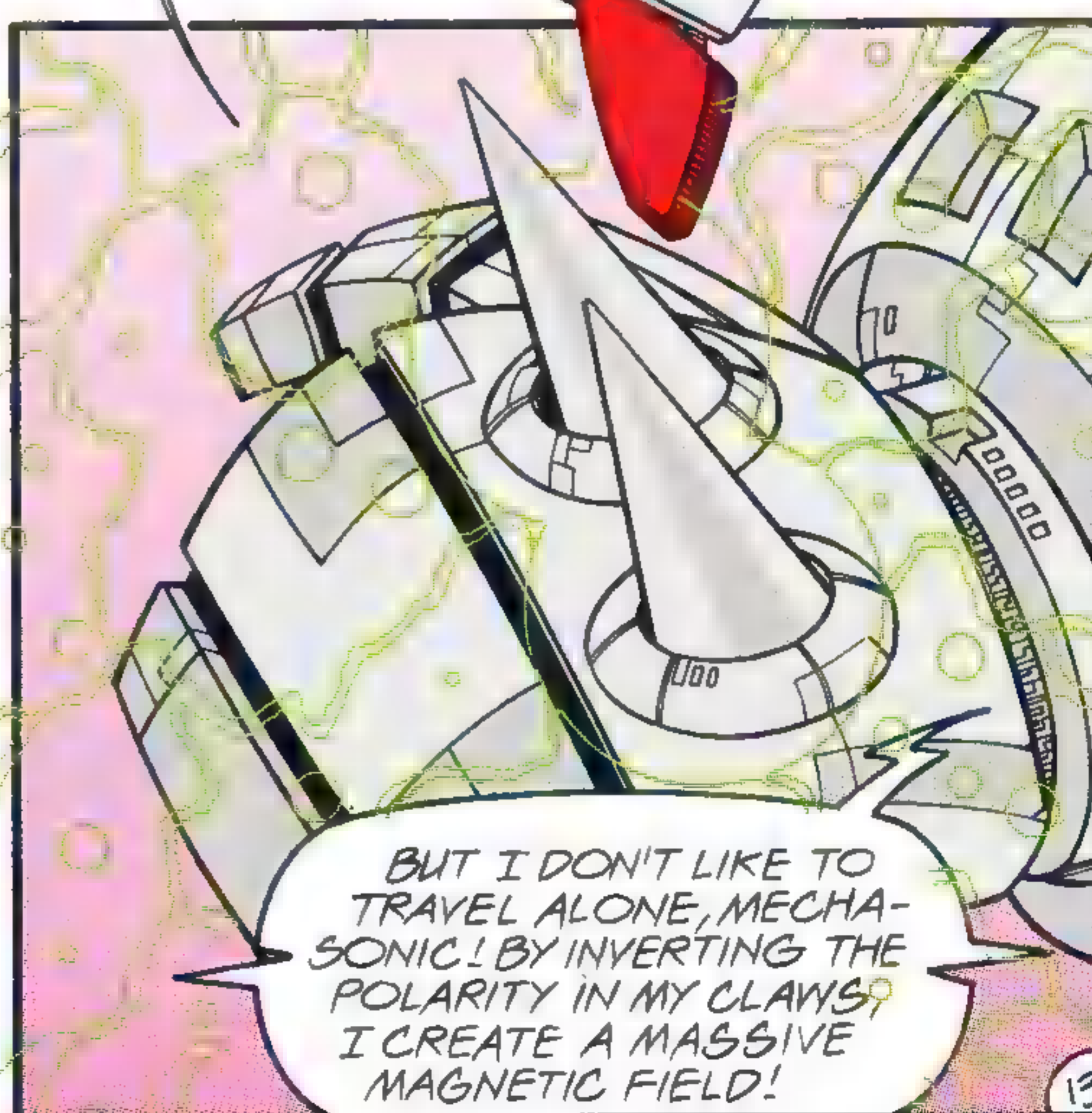
EEEEYOW!

SAY "HELLO"
TO THE NUCLEAR
WARHEADS FOR
ME!

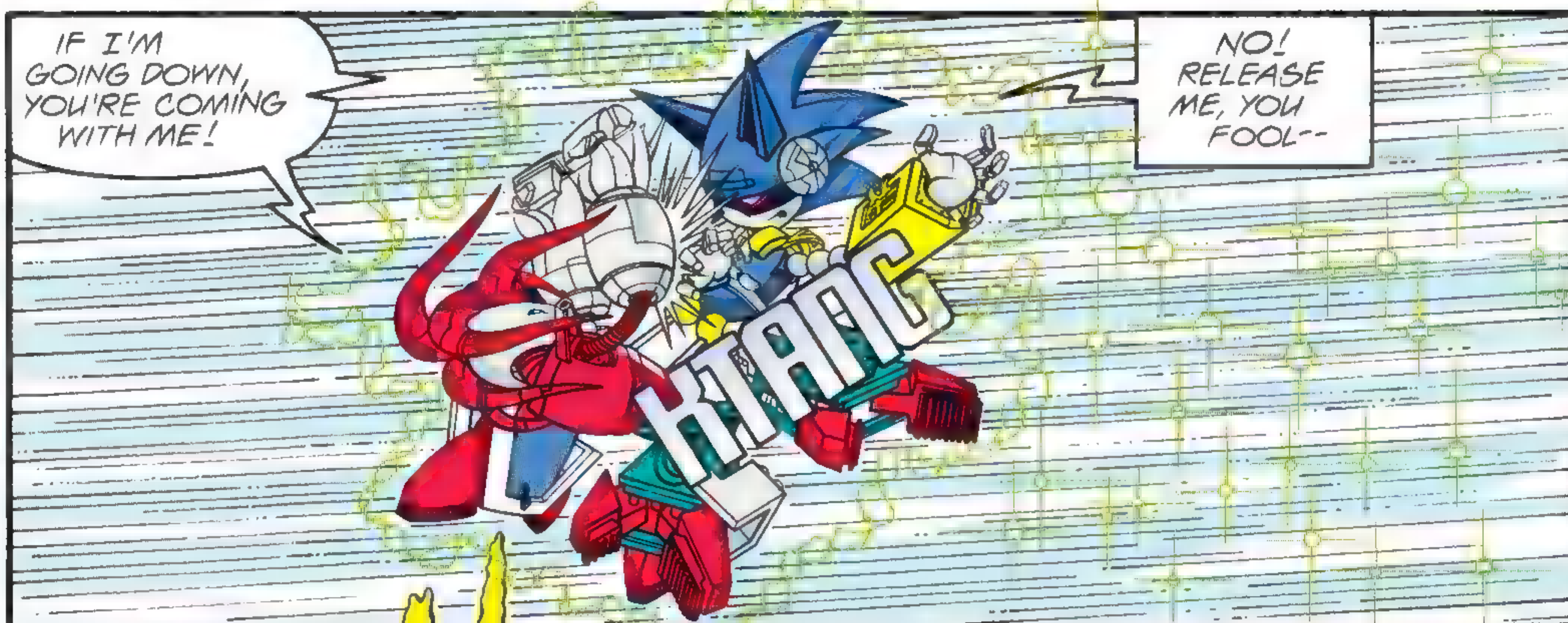
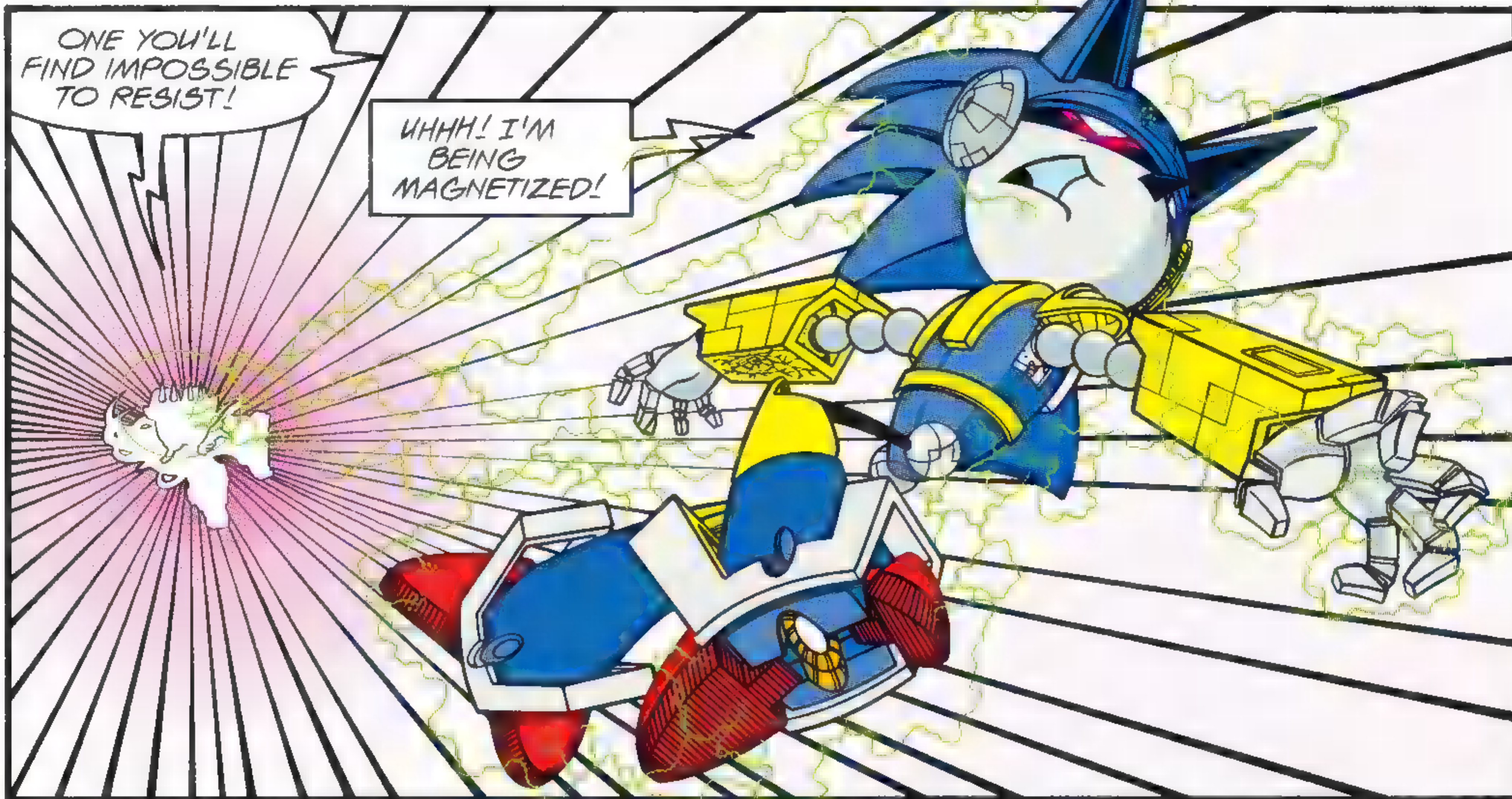
HE'S RIGHT...I'M
GONNA HIT THE CITY
AT SUBSONIC SPEED...
NO WAY TO STOP!



YOUR
DESTRUCTION
IS ASSURED!



BUT I DON'T LIKE TO
TRAVEL ALONE, MECHA-
SONIC! BY INVERTING THE
POLARITY IN MY CLAWS,
I CREATE A MASSIVE
MAGNETIC FIELD!



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THE HEDGEHOG...

MECHA MADNESS

PART III

...COULDN'T HAVE
SURVIVED THAT BLAST...
EVEN IN HIS MECHANIZED
FORM!

I DOUBT
M'SIEU ECHIDNA
COULD HAVE,
EITHER...

INDEED...
THE ODDS ARE
AGAINST
IT.

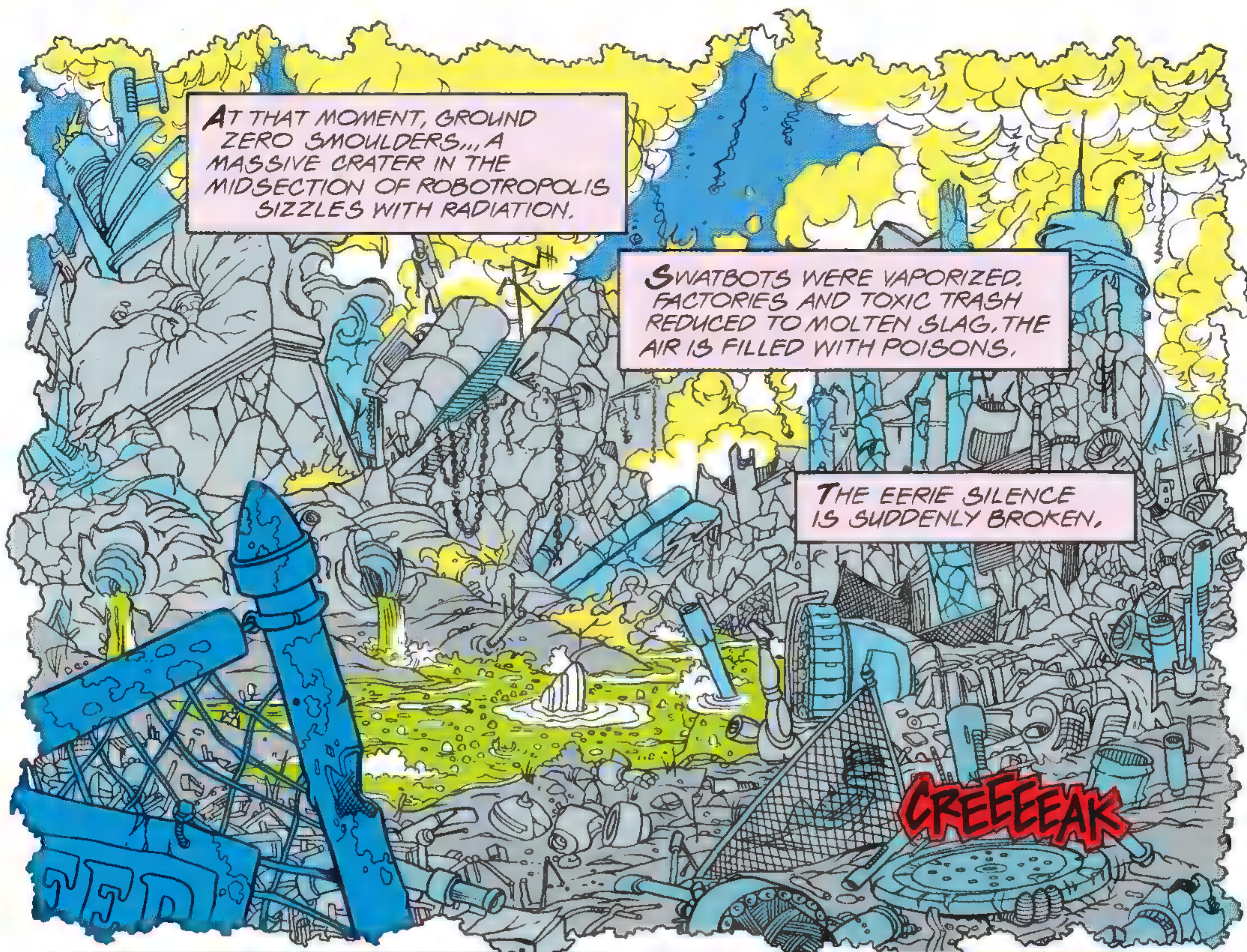
THEN SONIC...
=SOB=...AND KNUCKLES
...=HUCK=

=CHOKE= EXCUSE
ME A MOMENT... I...
=SNIFFLE= I'VE GOT
FALLOUT IN MY EYE...

GOSH! IT'S
NOT ALWAYS EASY
AT THE TOP...

OUI... UNEASY
'ANGS ZEE
CROWN!

I'D BE UNEASY
IF I WERE AT
GROUND ZERO!

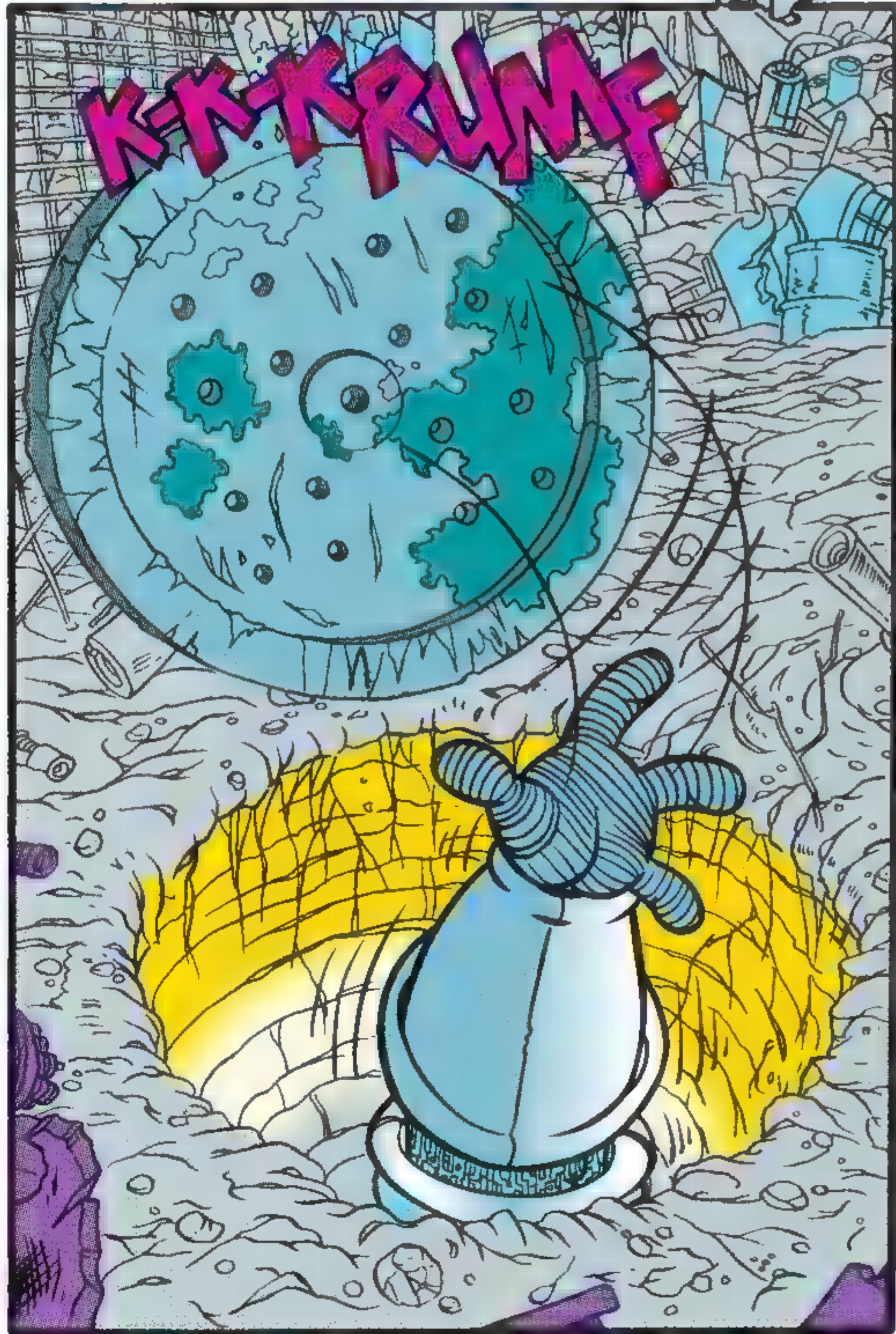


AT THAT MOMENT, GROUND ZERO SMOULDERS,,, A MASSIVE CRATER IN THE MIDSECTION OF ROBOTROPOLIS SIZZLES WITH RADIATION.

SWATBOTS WERE VAPORIZED, FACTORIES AND TOXIC TRASH REDUCED TO MOLTEN SLAG, THE AIR IS FILLED WITH POISONS.

THE EERIE SILENCE IS SUDDENLY BROKEN,

CREEEEAK

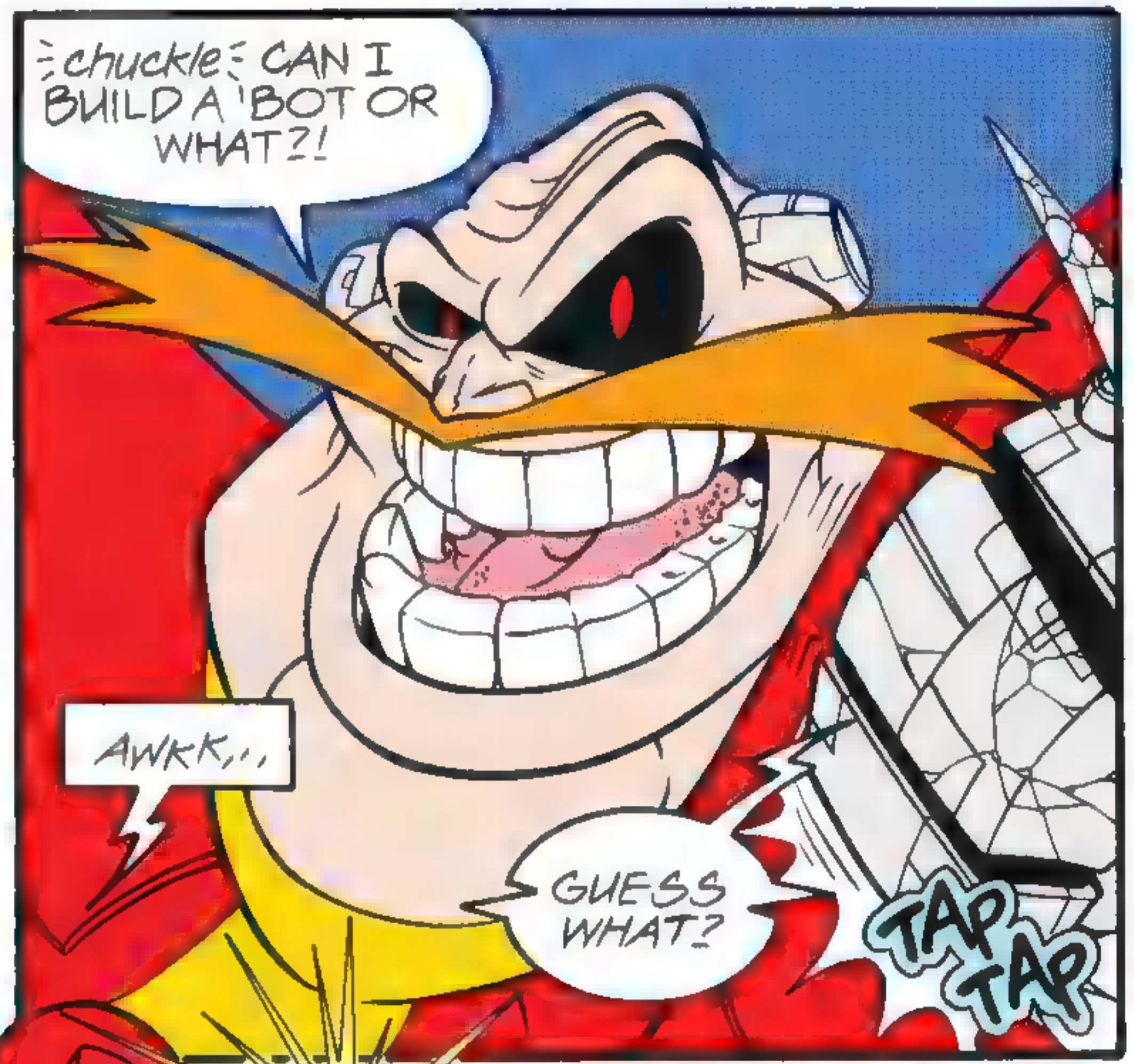
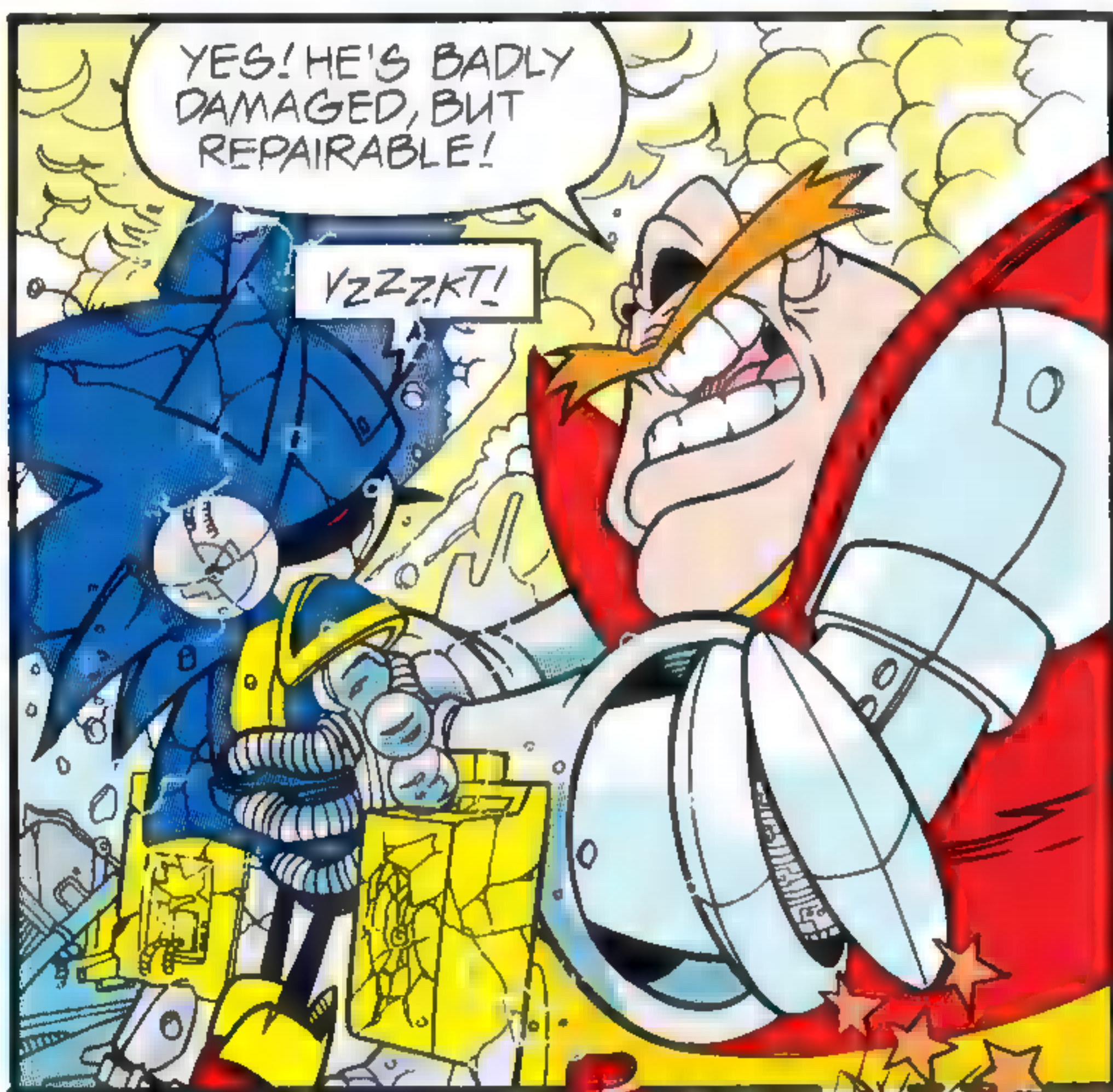
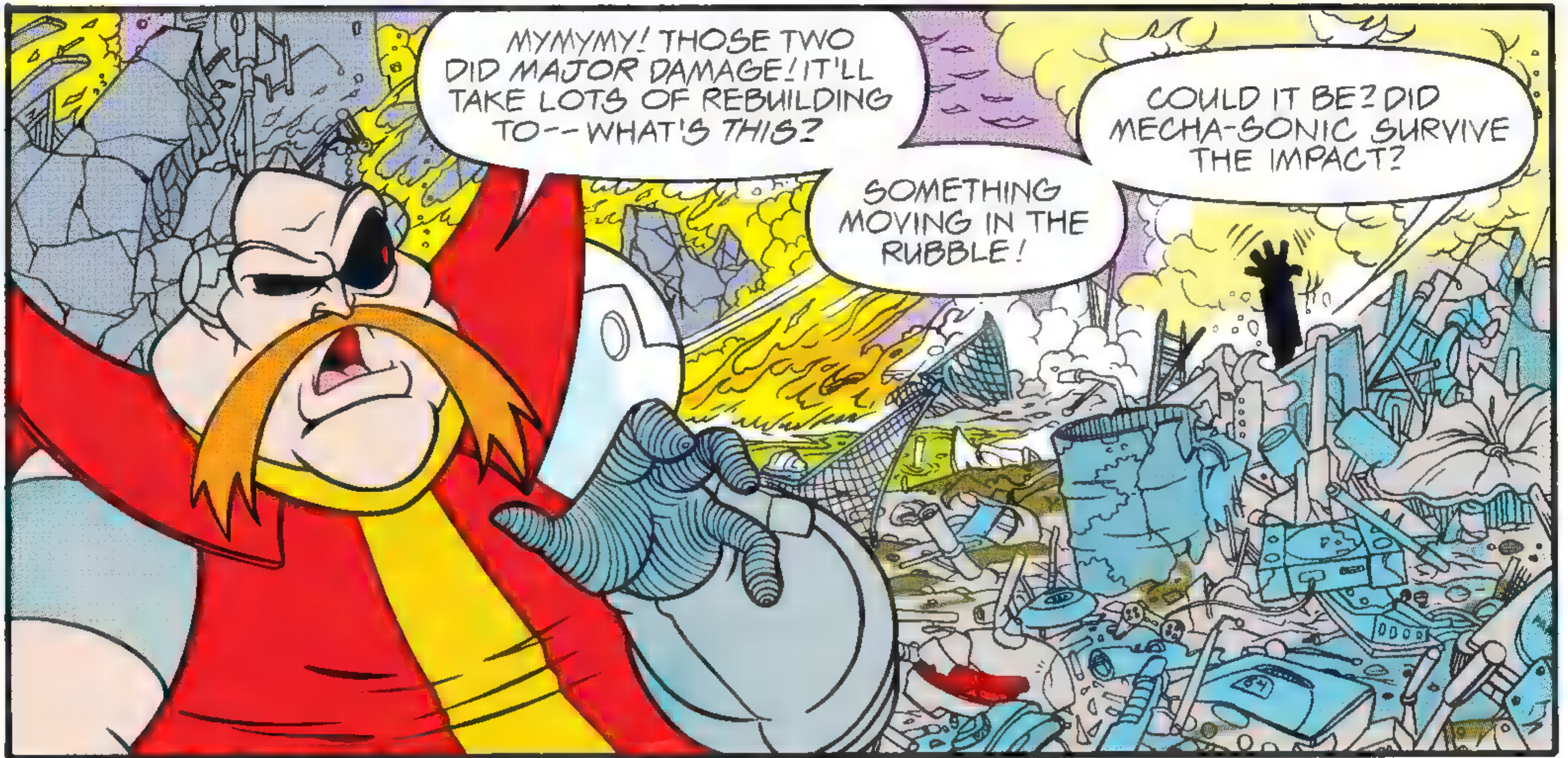


K-K-KRUMF



GADZOOKS! THAT'S THE BIGGEST BACKFIRE OF MY ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER!

LUCKY I SAW THE INCOMING COMBATANTS AND RETREATED TO MY SHELTER!



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THE HEDGEHOG...

MECHA MADNESS

PART IV

...IS ALIVE? OR
AT LEAST MECHA-
SONIC IS? OH,
KNUCKLES, YOU
DID IT!

MAYBE, SAL OLD
GAL... YOUR BOYFRIEND'S
IN BAD SHAPE!

I'LL
SAY!

HMF!

BZZZZZT!
CLICK!

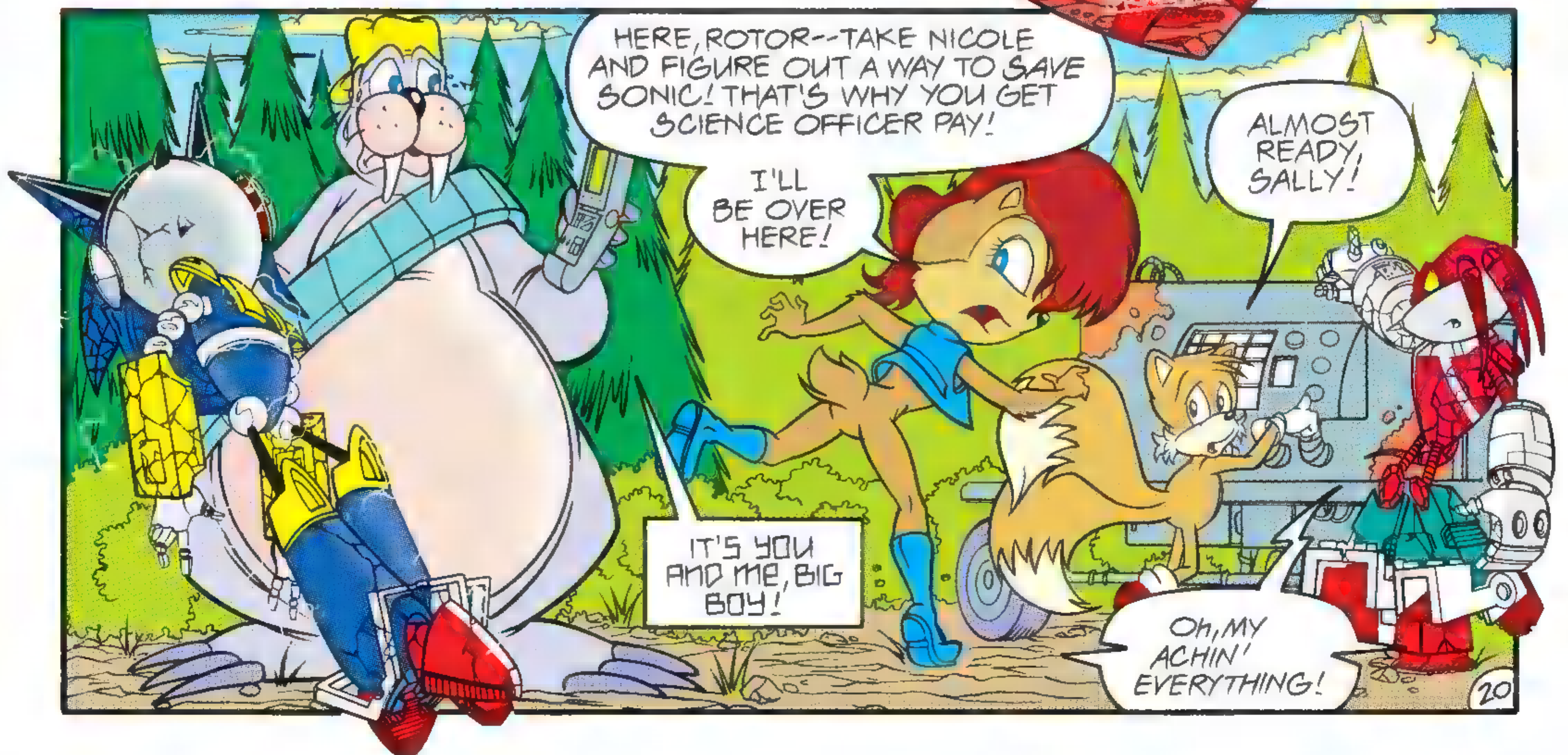
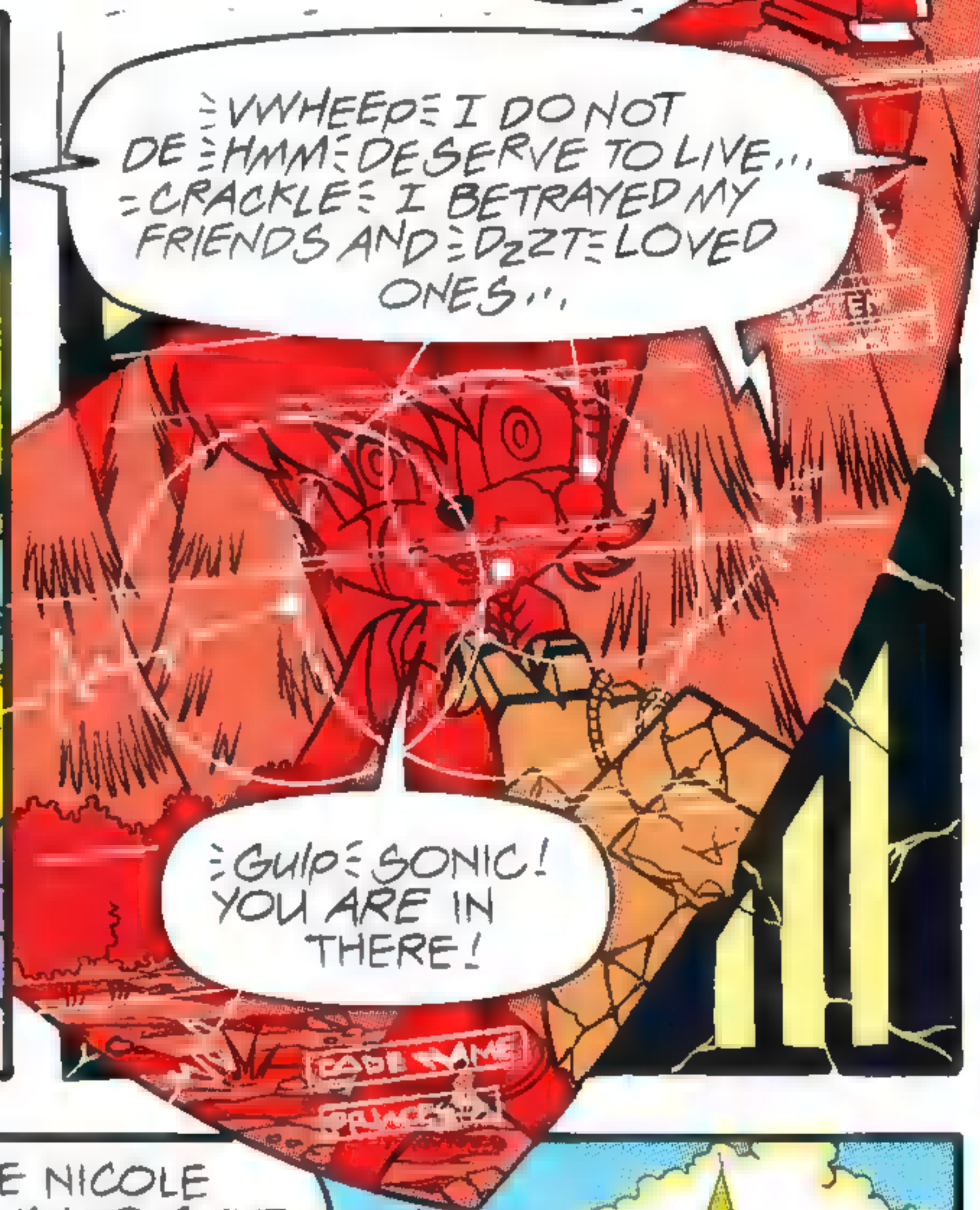
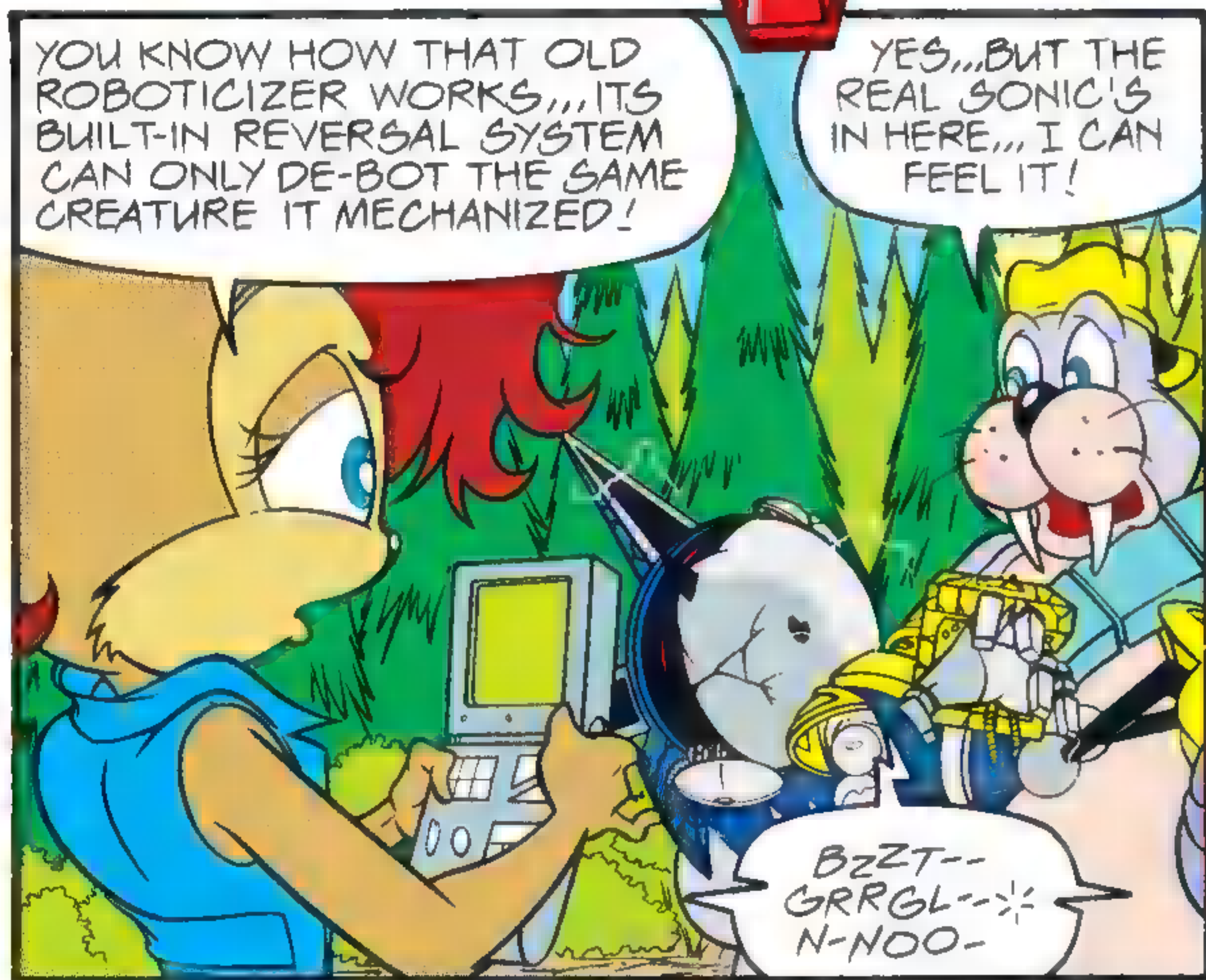
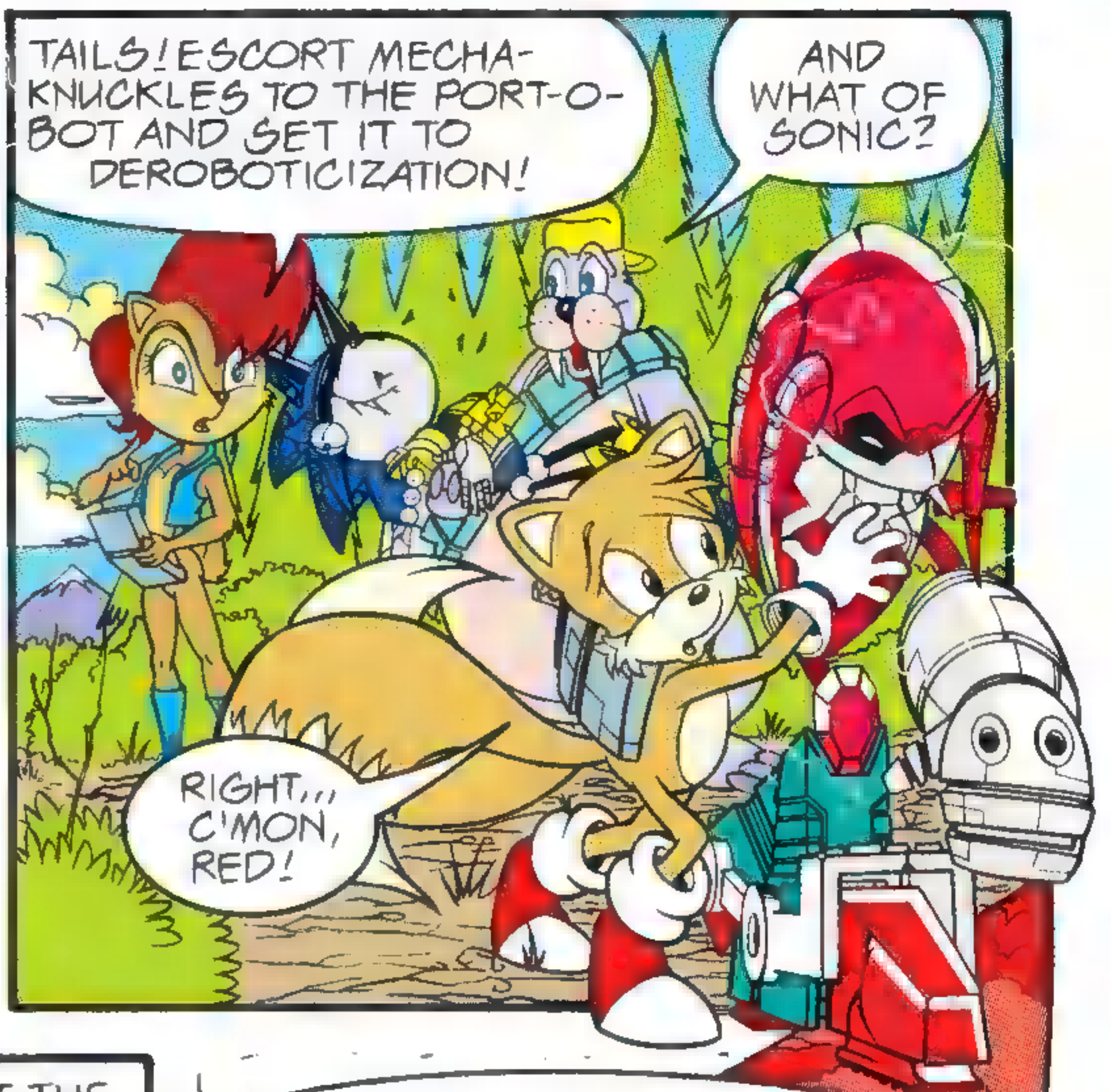
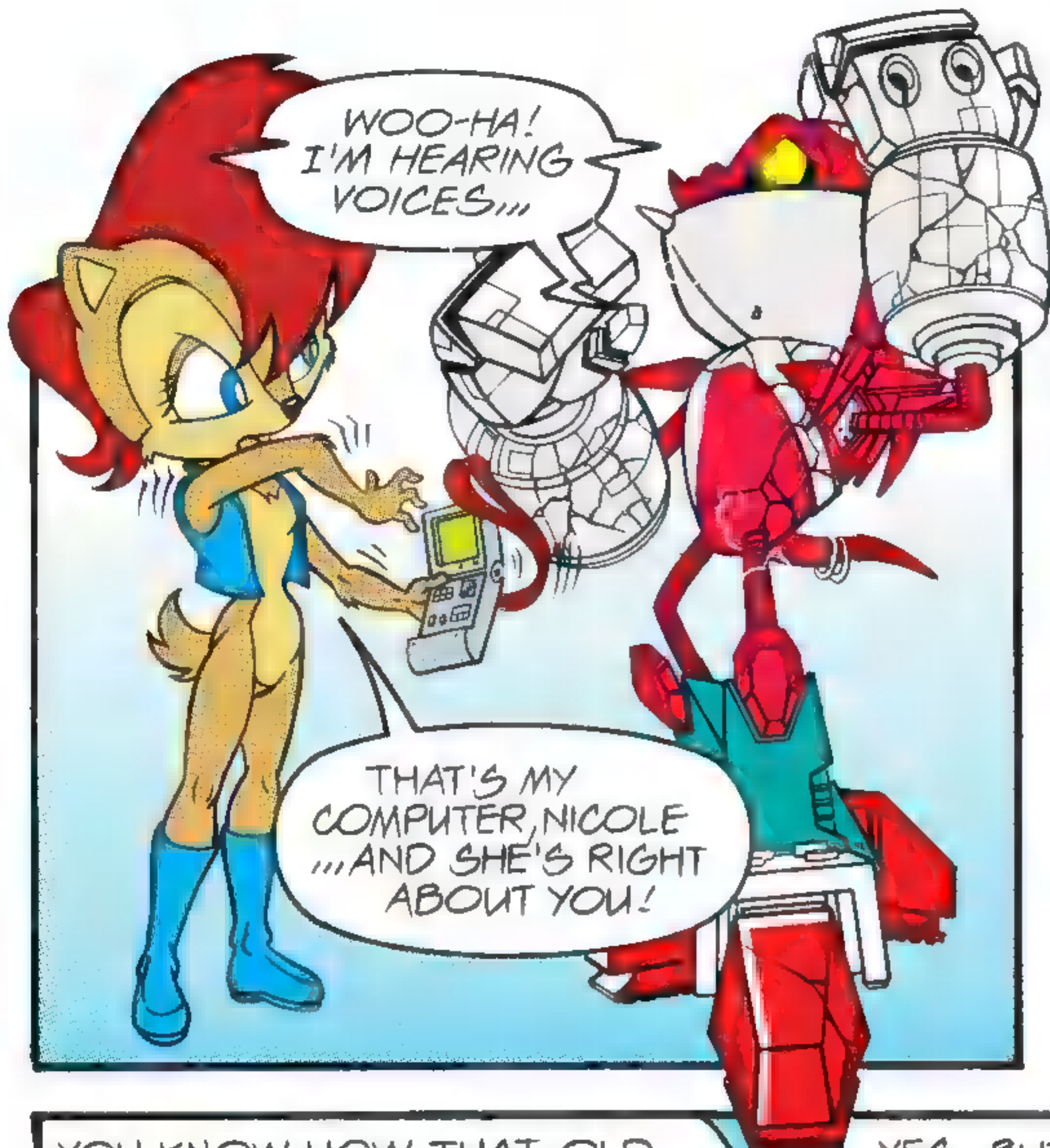
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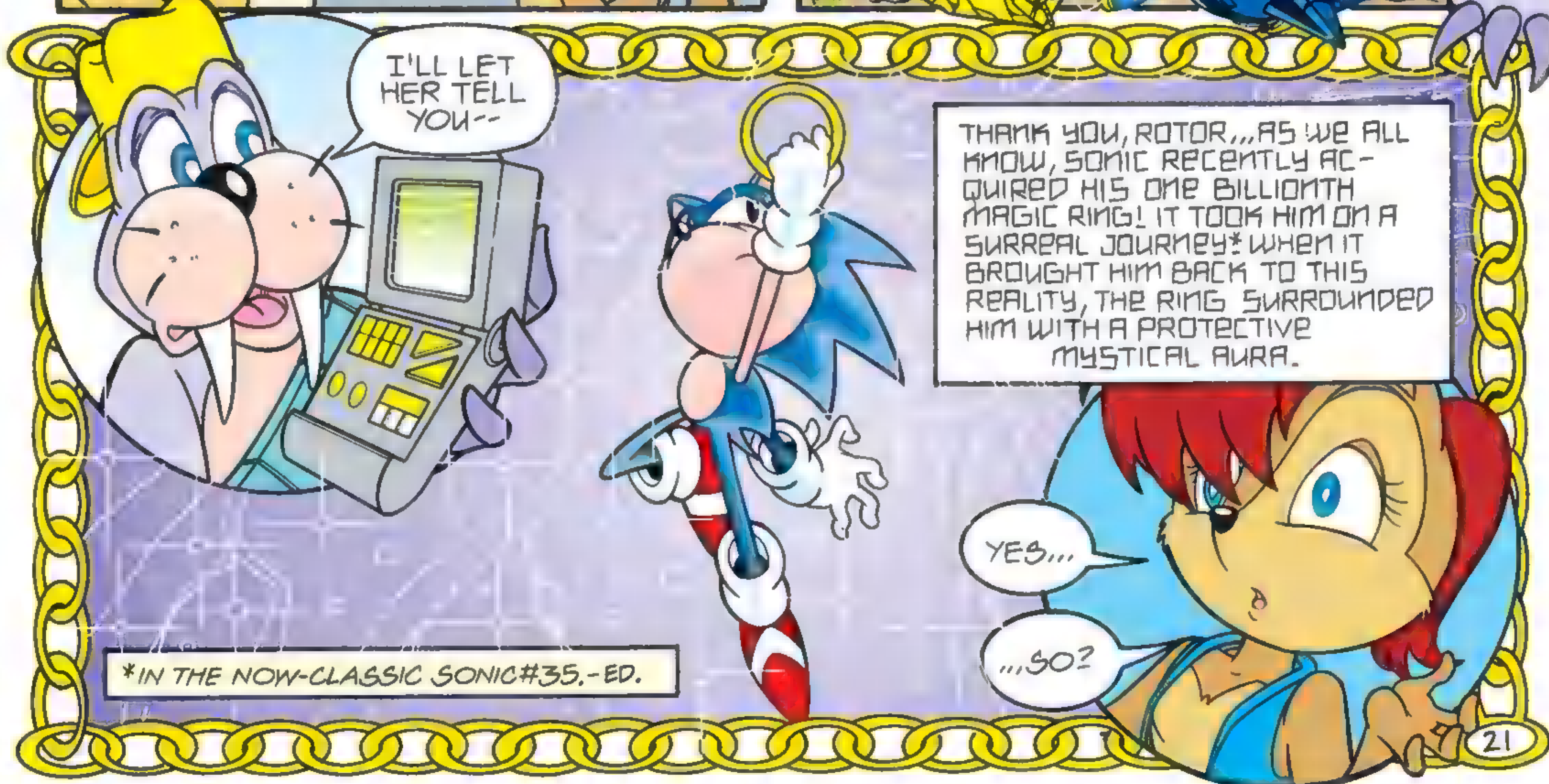
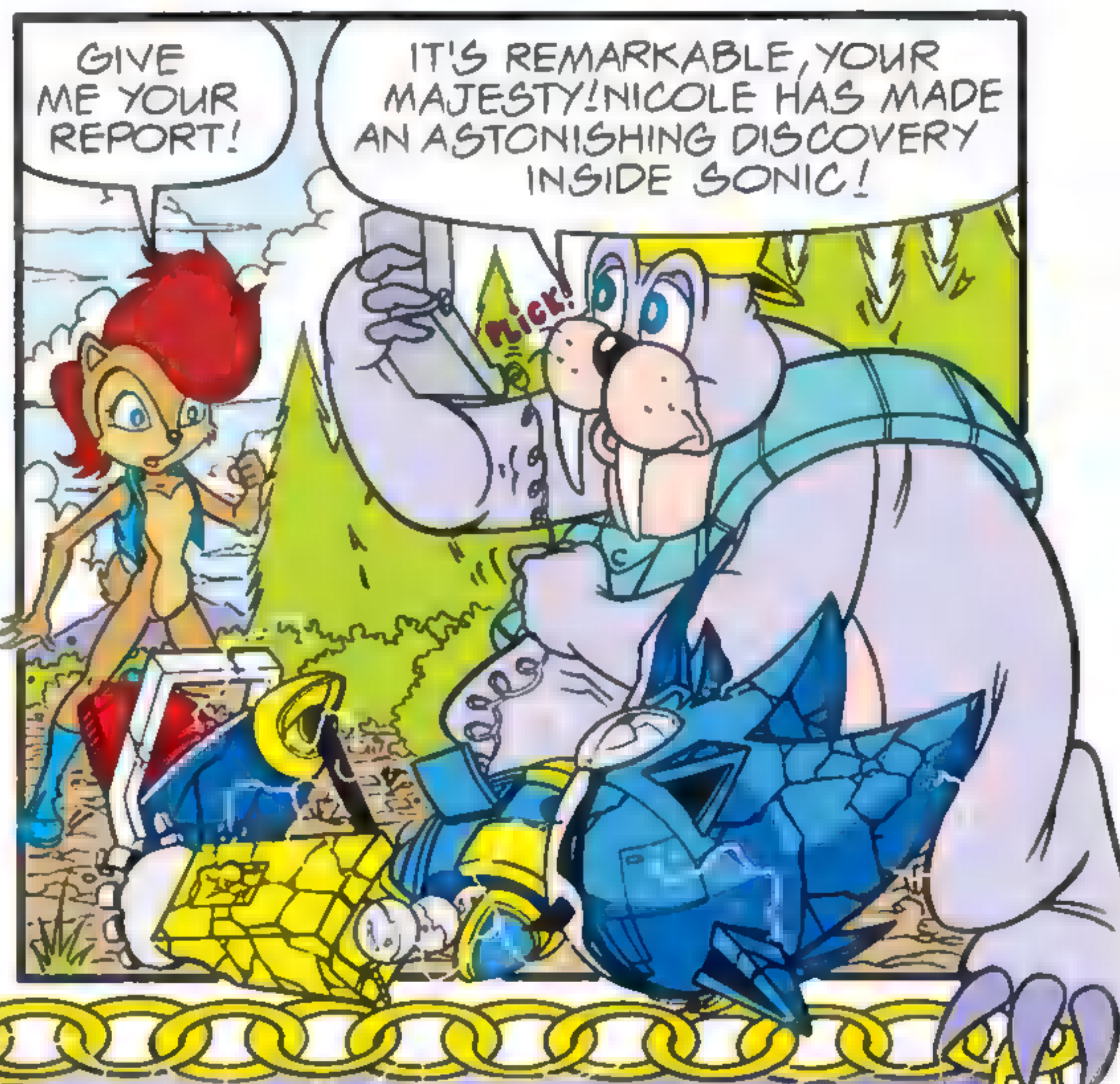
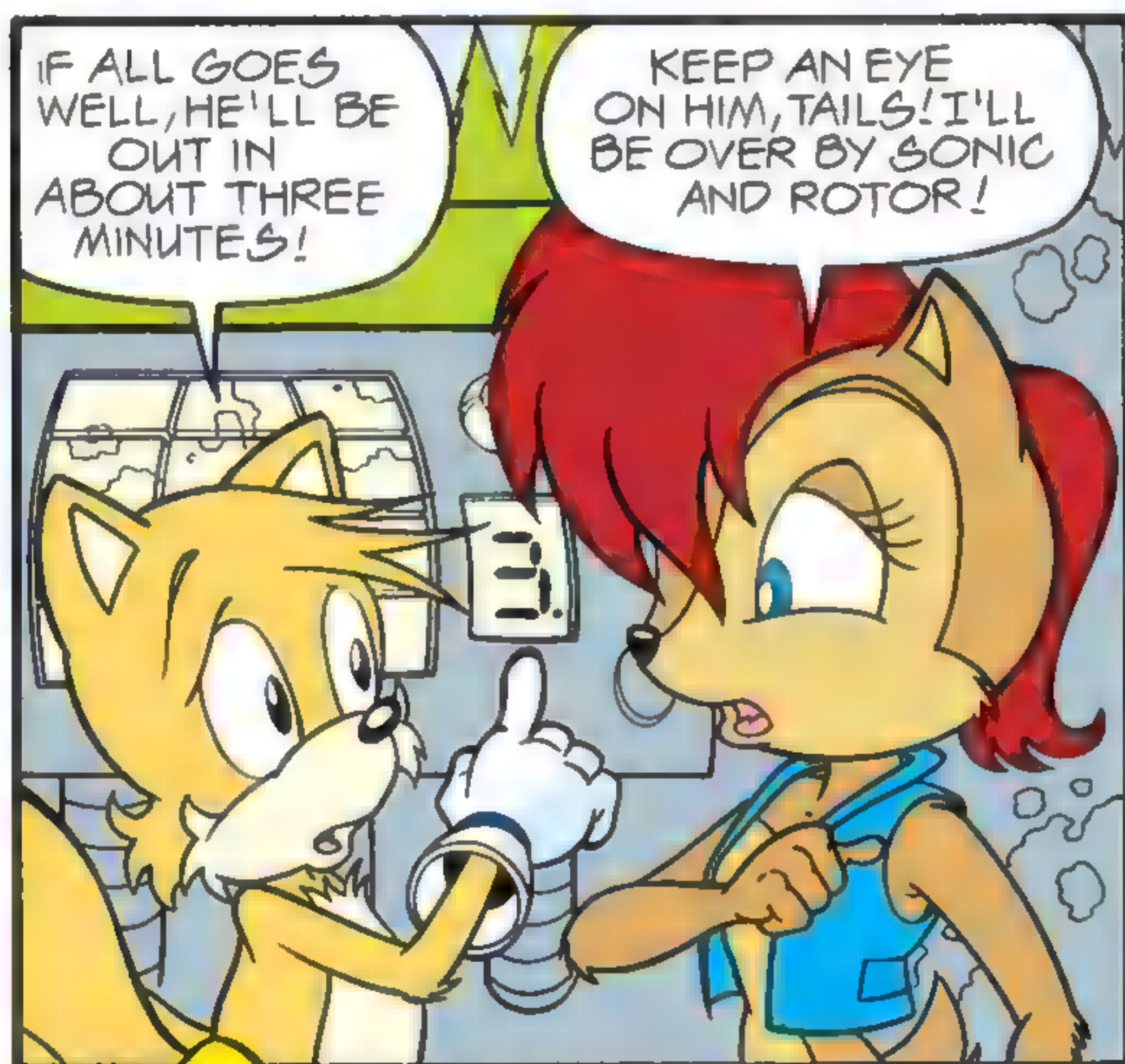
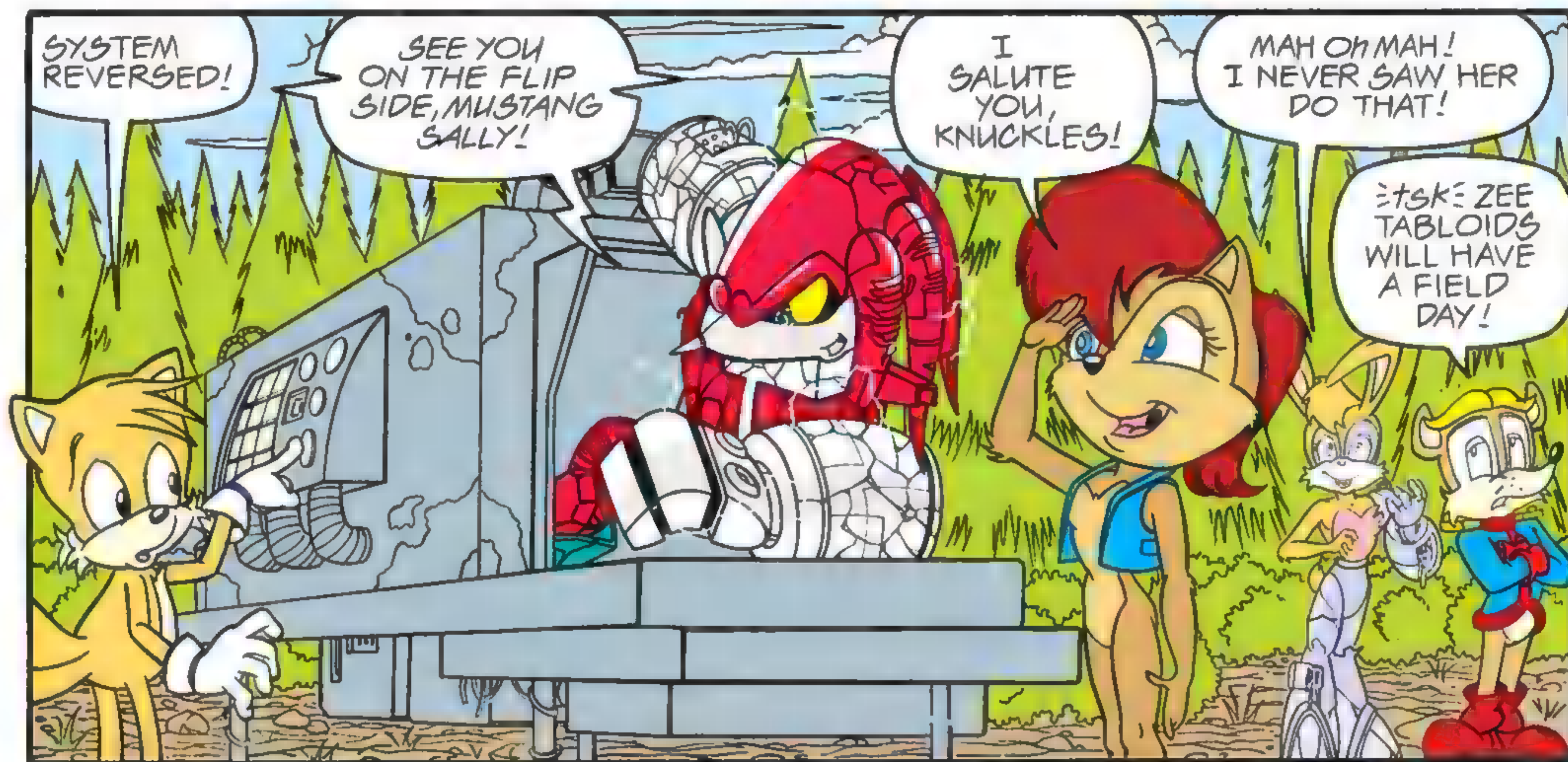
C'MERE, YOU
GREAT BIG HUNK
OF ECHIDNA...

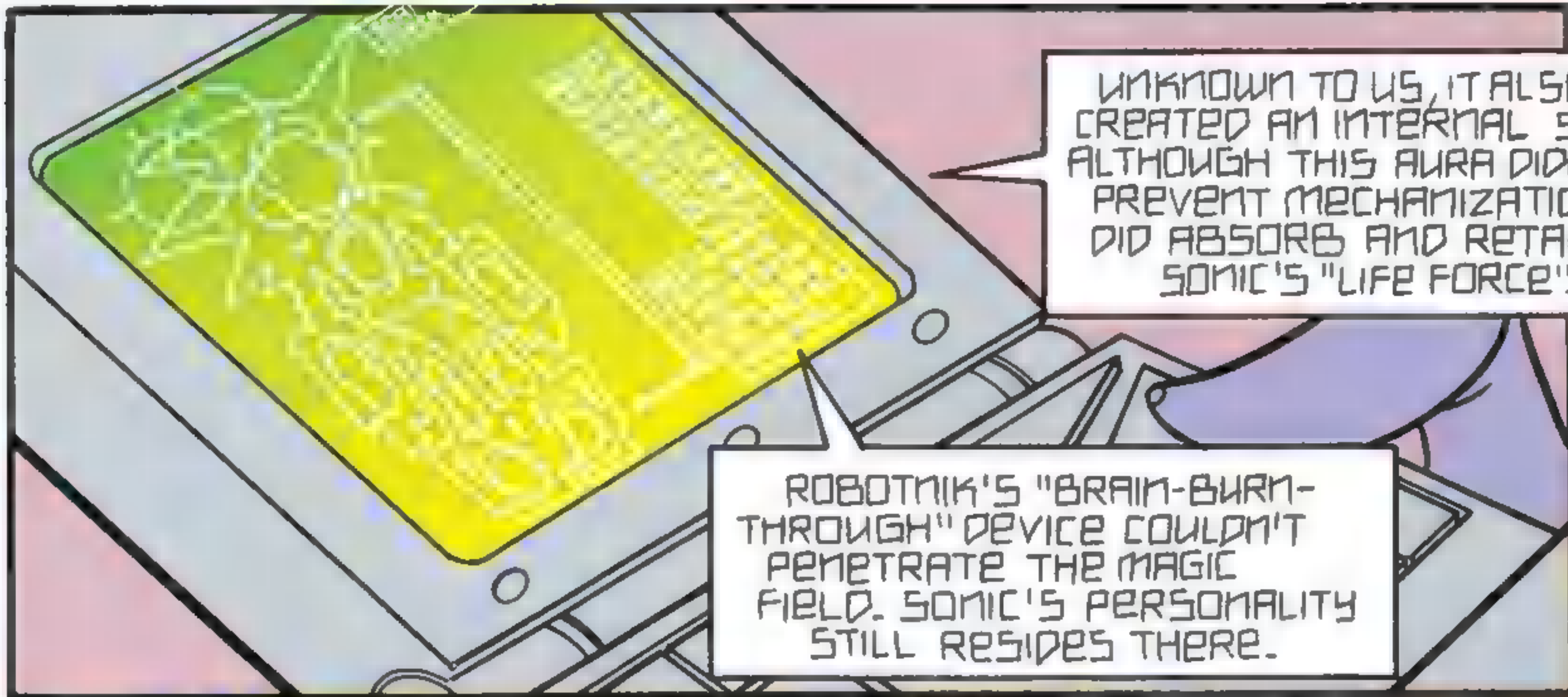
OOF! EASY
KID... I'M
DAMAGED
GOODS, TOO!

CLIK

CONFIRMED...
MECHA-KNUCKLES'
TOLERANCE LEVELS
BEYOND MAXIMUM.
DANGER OF
BURNOUT.

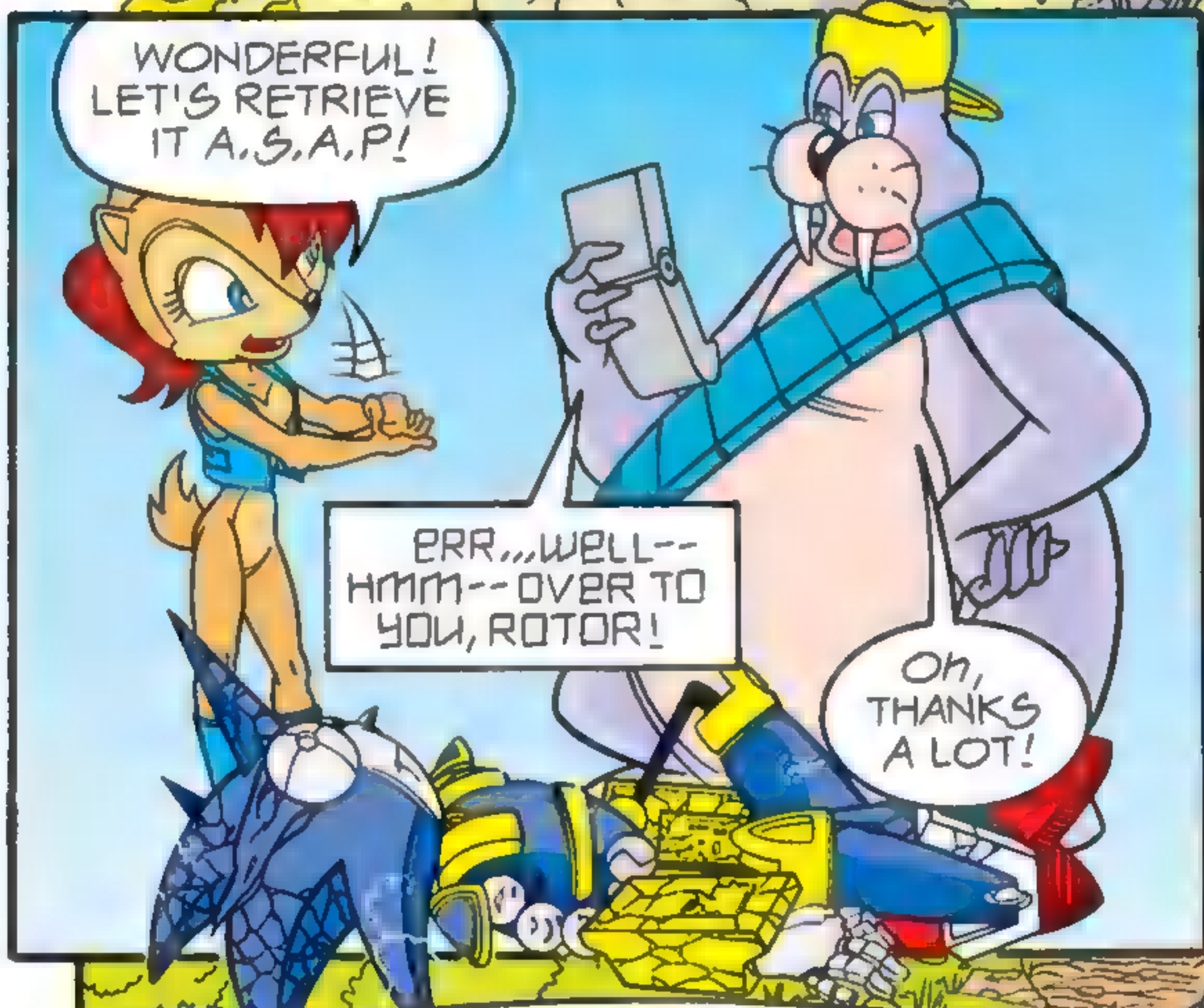
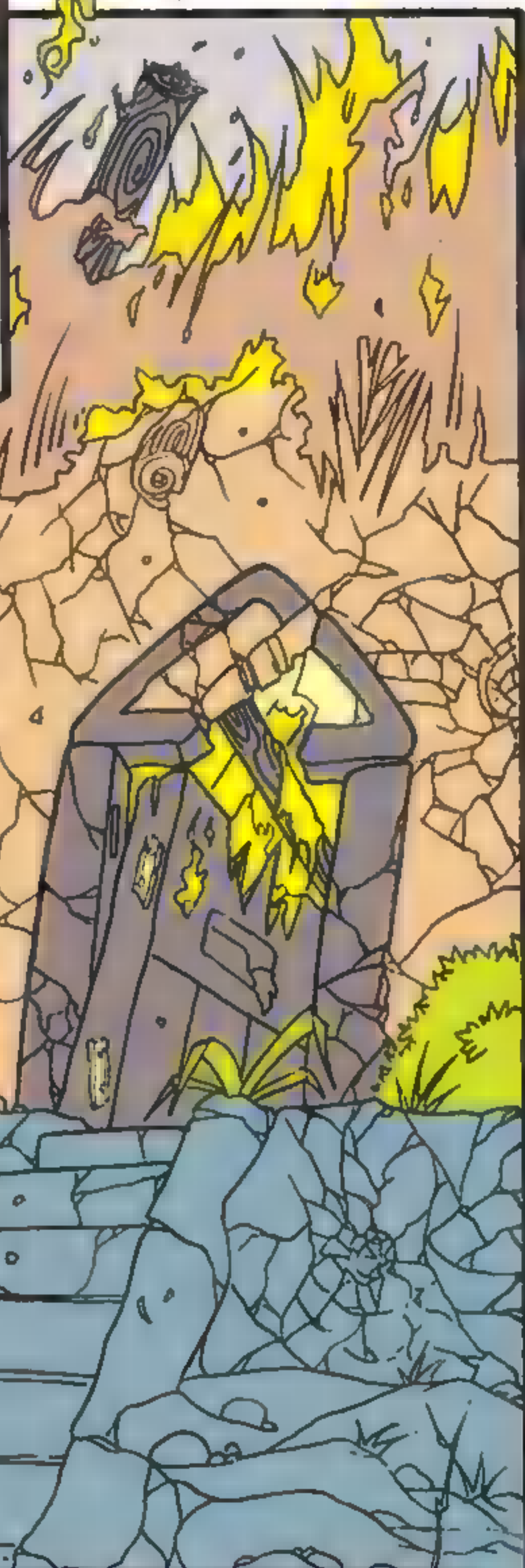






UNKNOWN TO US, IT ALSO
CREATED AN INTERNAL SHIELD!
ALTHOUGH THIS AURA DIDN'T
PREVENT MECHANIZATION, IT
DID ABSORB AND RETAIN
SONIC'S "LIFE FORCE".

ROBOTNIK'S "BRAIN-BURN-
THROUGH" DEVICE COULDN'T
PENETRATE THE MAGIC
FIELD. SONIC'S PERSONALITY
STILL RESIDES THERE.



WONDERFUL!
LET'S RETRIEVE
IT A.S.A.P!

ERR...WELL--
HMM-- OVER TO
YOU, ROTOR!

OH,
THANKS
A LOT!

Ahem...SALLY, NORMALLY I'D HOOK
UP MECHA-SONIC TO MY LAB FULL OF
EQUIPMENT AND TRY TO BRING HIM
BACK...BUT IT'S TOAST ALONG WITH
THE REST OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

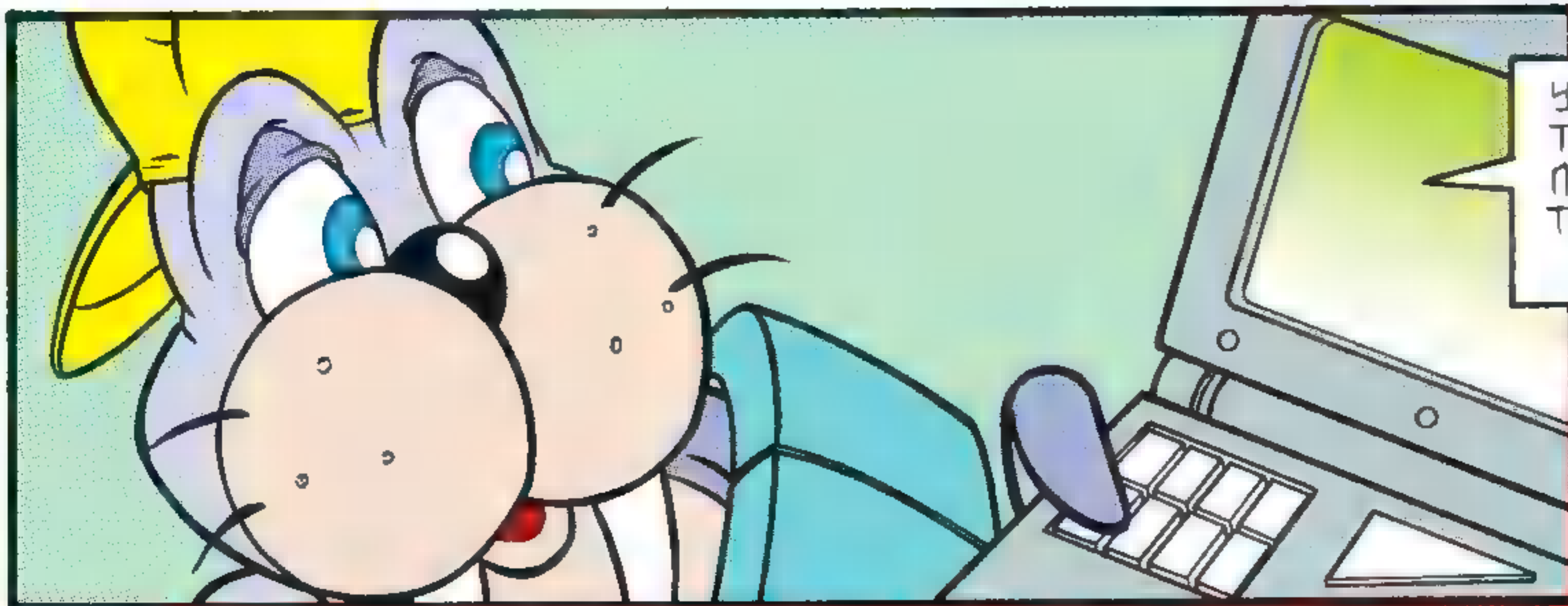
OH, DEAR...
MAYBE WE CAN
SALVAGE SOME
COMPONENTS?



I'M AFRAID HE DOESN'T
HAVE THAT MUCH TIME,
PRINCESS. ≡Choke≡

≡Shiff≡

IN≡VRAP≡DEED...
I'M LATE FOR MY
≡KZT≡ EXPIRATION
DATE...



YOUR HIGHNESS, I HAVE THE DATA... PLUG ME INTO MECHA-SONIC AND I'LL TRY TO INSTIGATE THE RETRO-PROCEDURE!

CAN SHE DO THAT, ROTOR?



I DOUBT IT, SALLY... THE REQUIRED ENERGY WOULD--

HEY!
OW!

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, PRINCESS... CATCH ME!

NICOLE?

LOOK--MACHINES ARE ALWAYS GETTING A BAD RAP AROUND HERE... LET ME TRY! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!



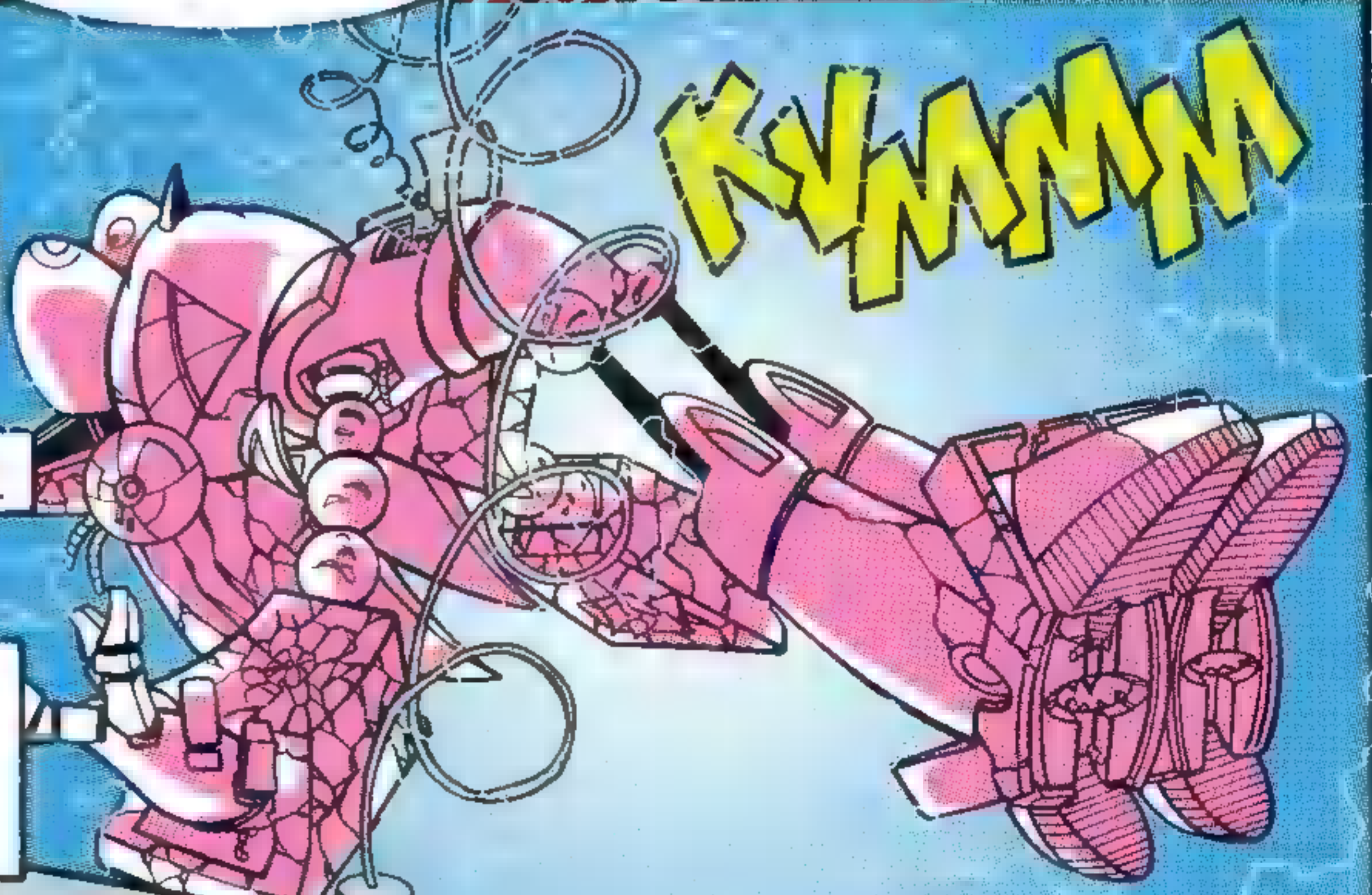
Hmm--

VERY WELL, MY LOYAL COMPUTER IT'S UP TO YOU-- GO FOR IT!



ACKNOWLEDGED!

INTERNAL RING CRUST
ACCESSED... SYSTEM LINK-
AGE ALIGNED... OUTPUT
TO MAXIMUM--



KWNNNN

ENGAGE!

AT FIRST, NOTHING
SEEMED TO BE
HAPPENING...

...THEN ALL AT ONCE,
RAW MAGIC ENERGY
RIPPLES OUTWARD,
OVERRIDING REALITY...

...RESTORING THE
TRUE SPIRITUAL AND
PHYSICAL ESSENCE
OF SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG!

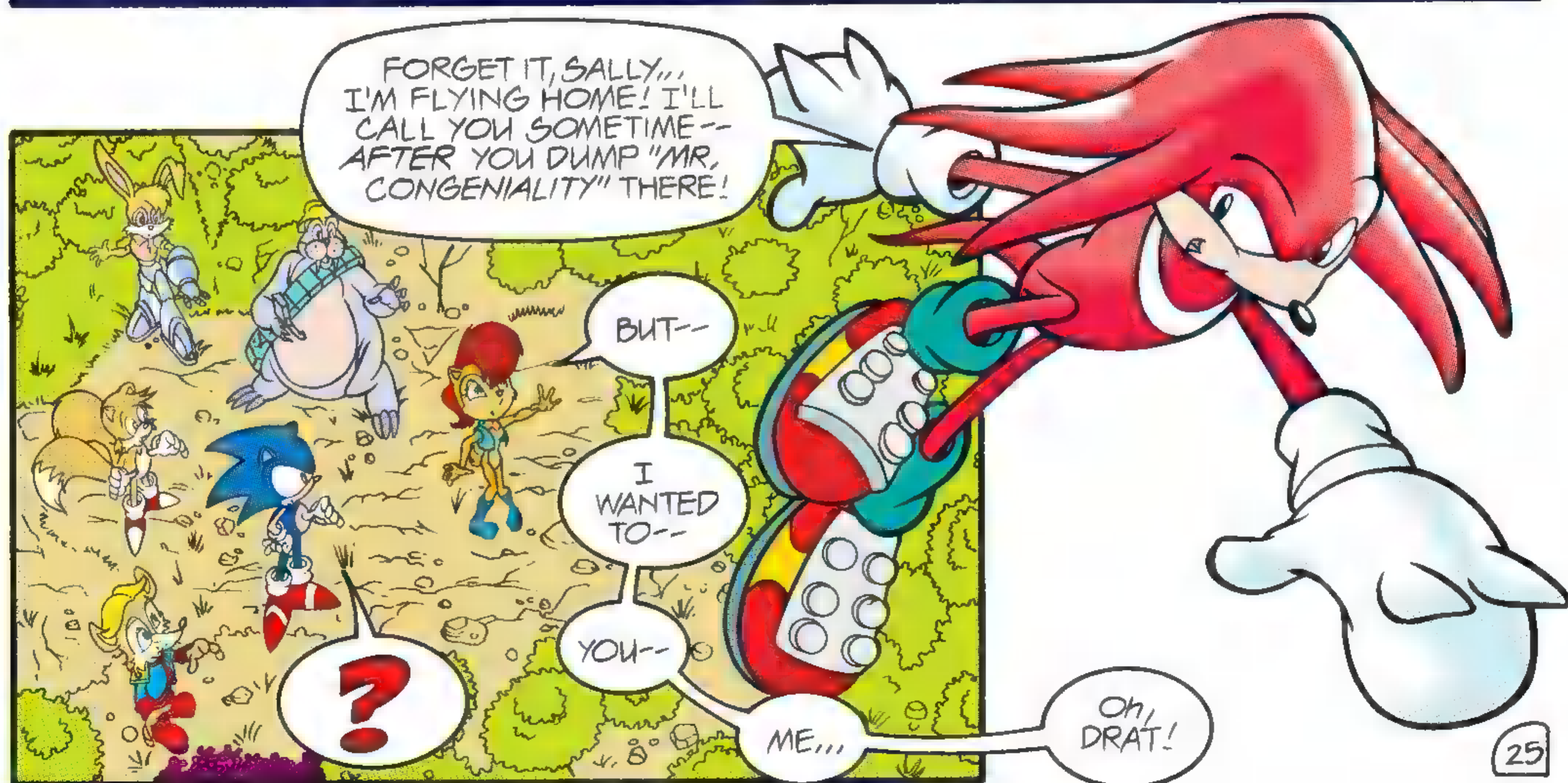
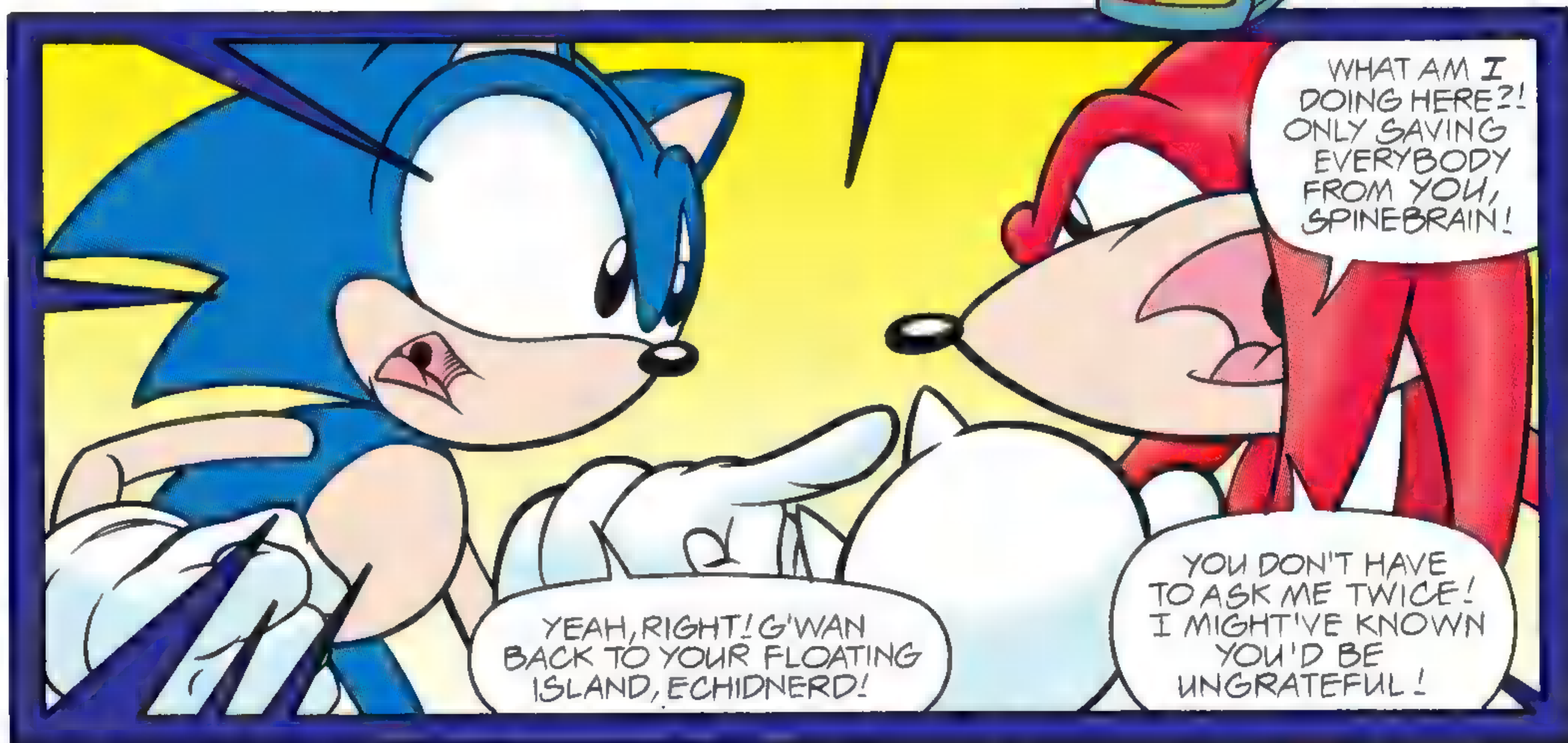
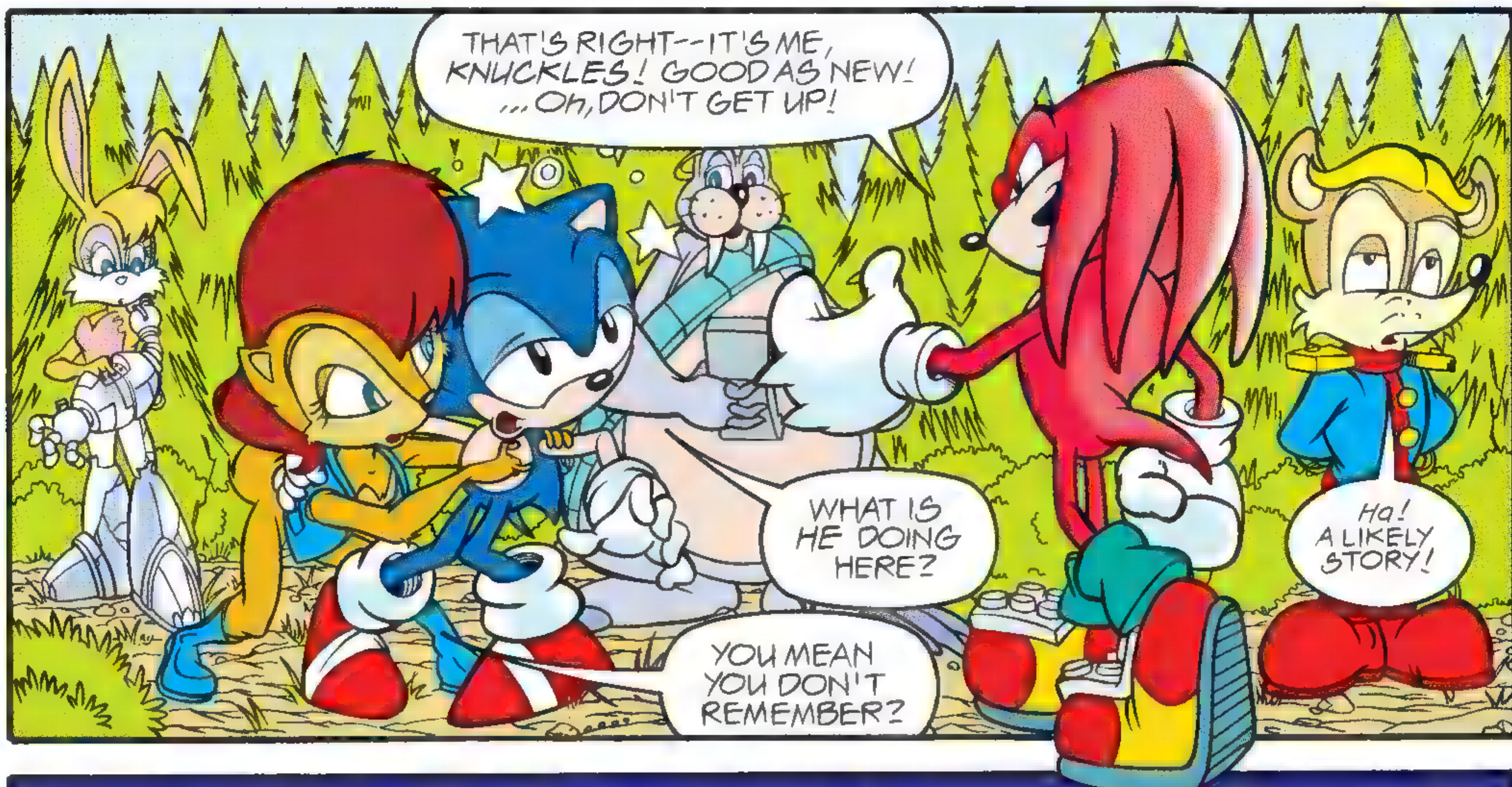
IT WORKED!
I CAN'T BELIEVE
IT...YOU'RE ALL
RIGHT!

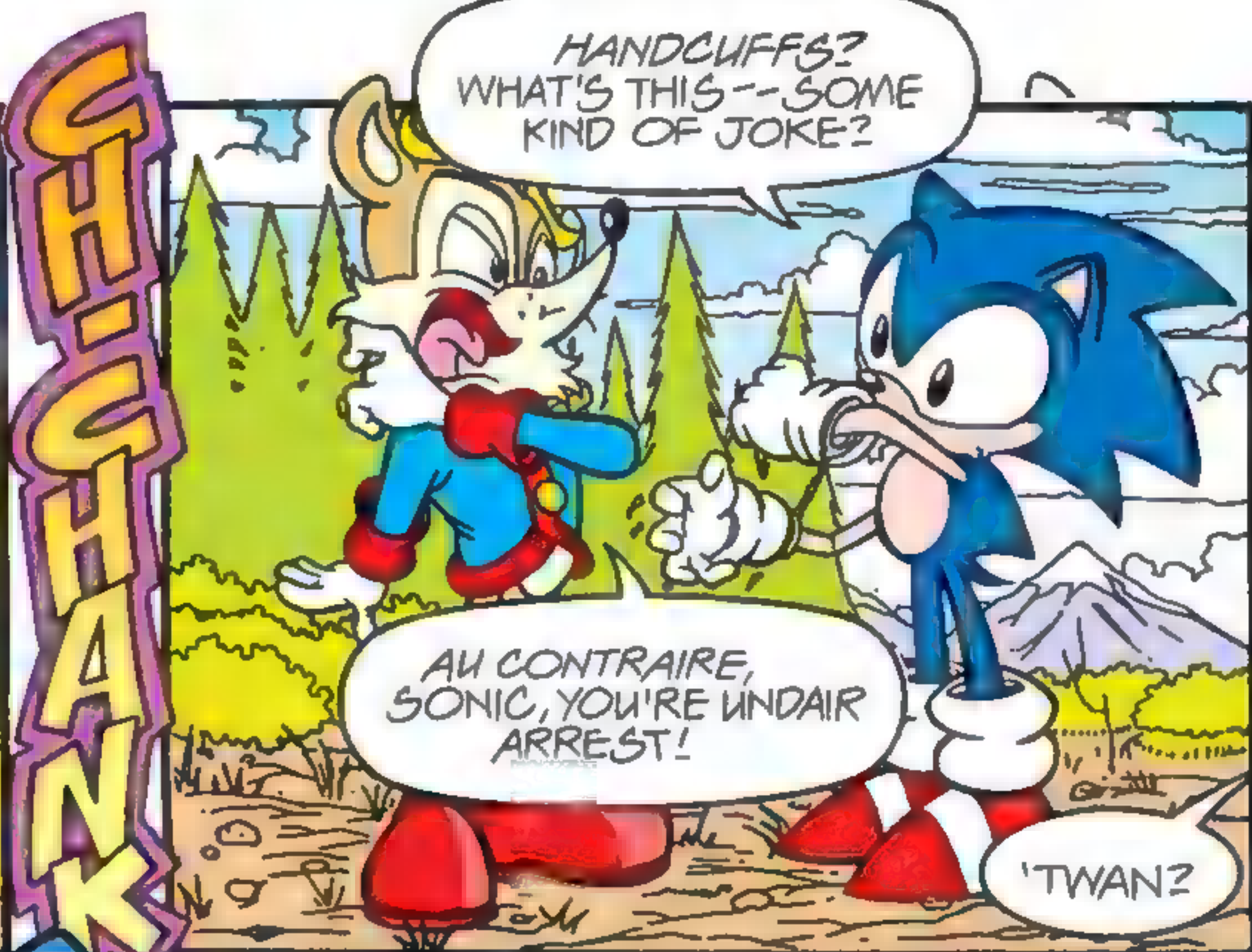
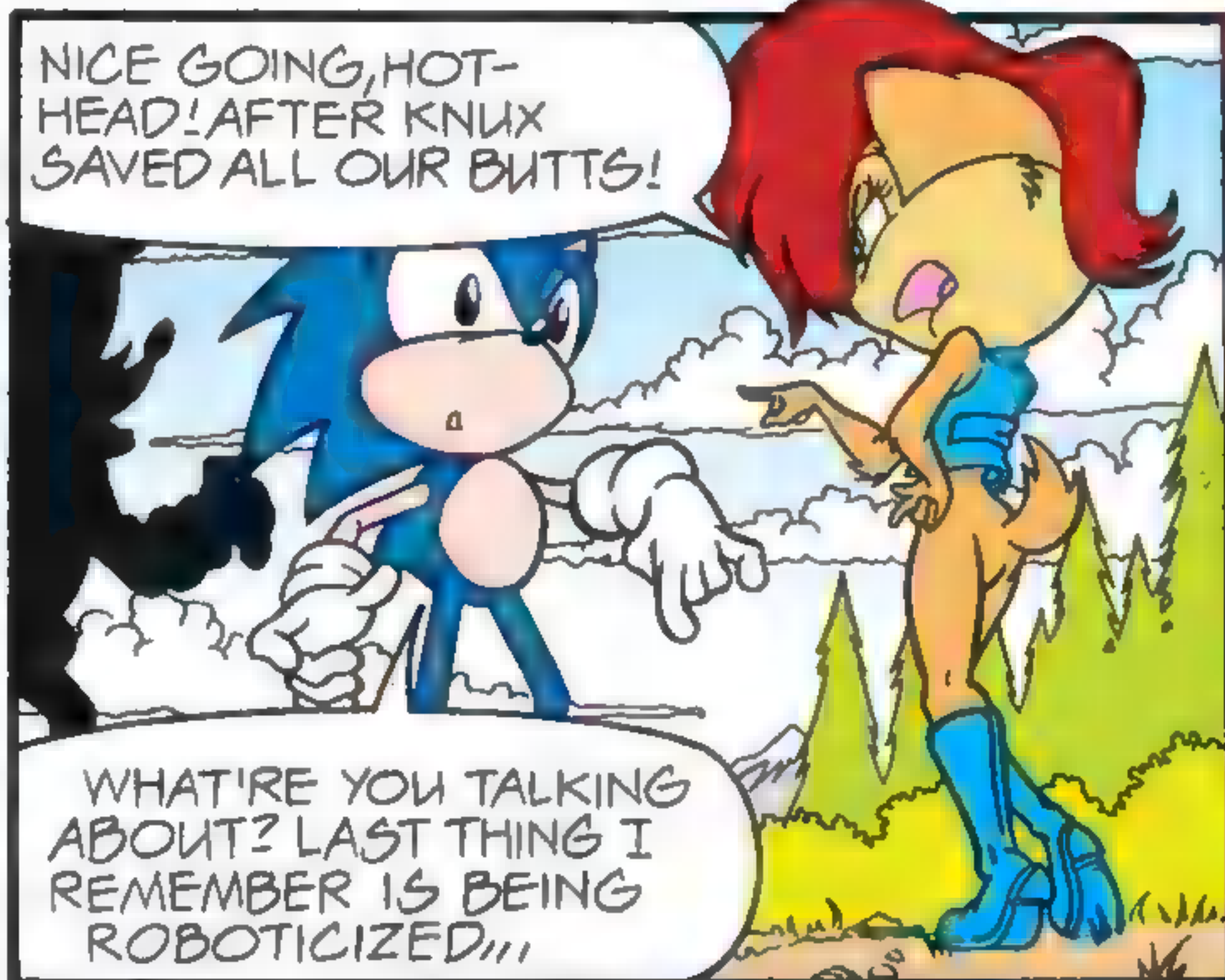
I WILL BE
AFTER THIS MI-
GRAINE HEADACHE
LETS UP!

WHOO!

NICE
JOB,
NICOLE!

WELL, WELL...
LOOK WHO'S BACK
AND BLUE!

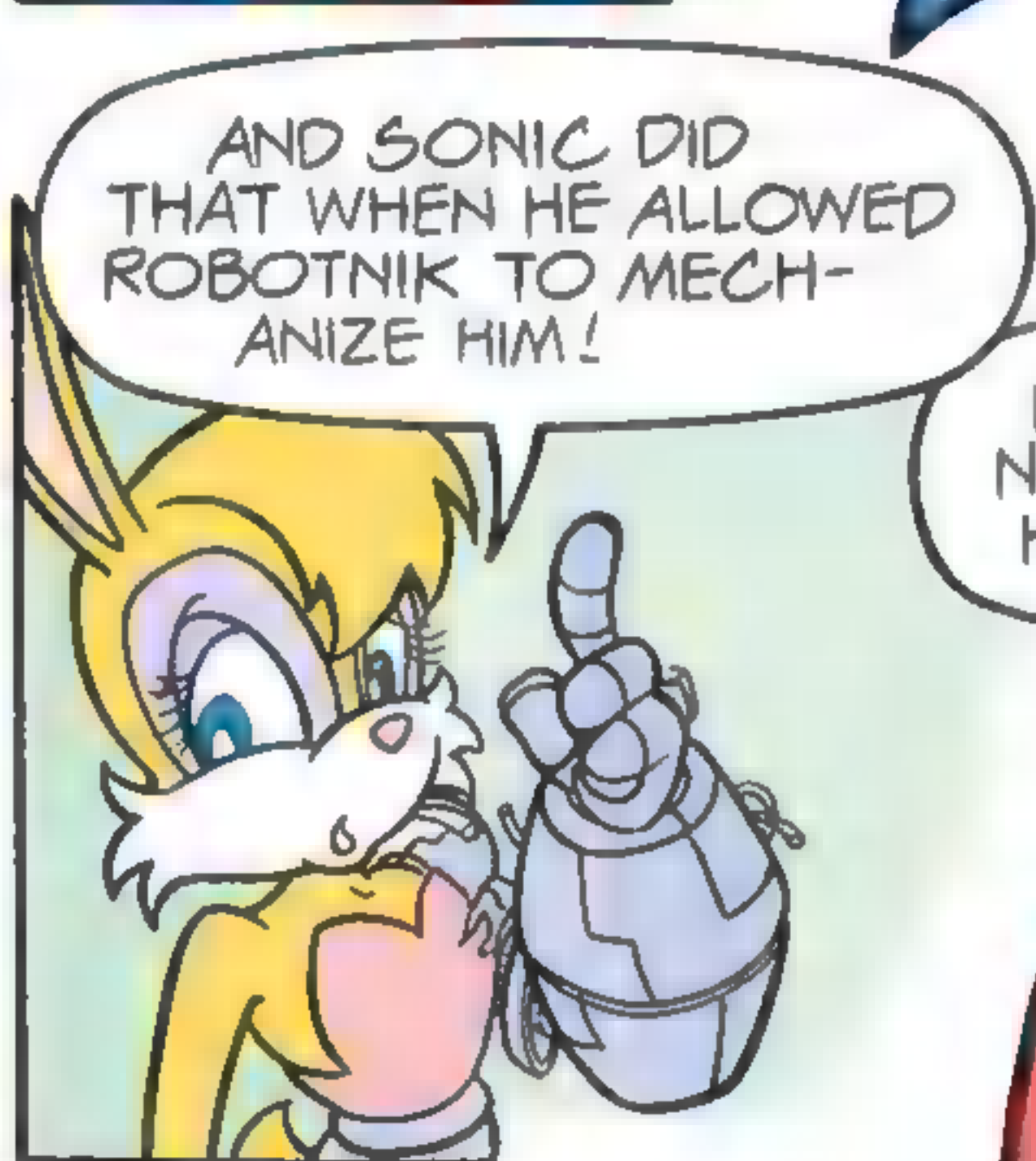




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"ANY SUBJECT DISOBEYING A DIRECT ORDER MUST BE TRIED FOR TREASON!"

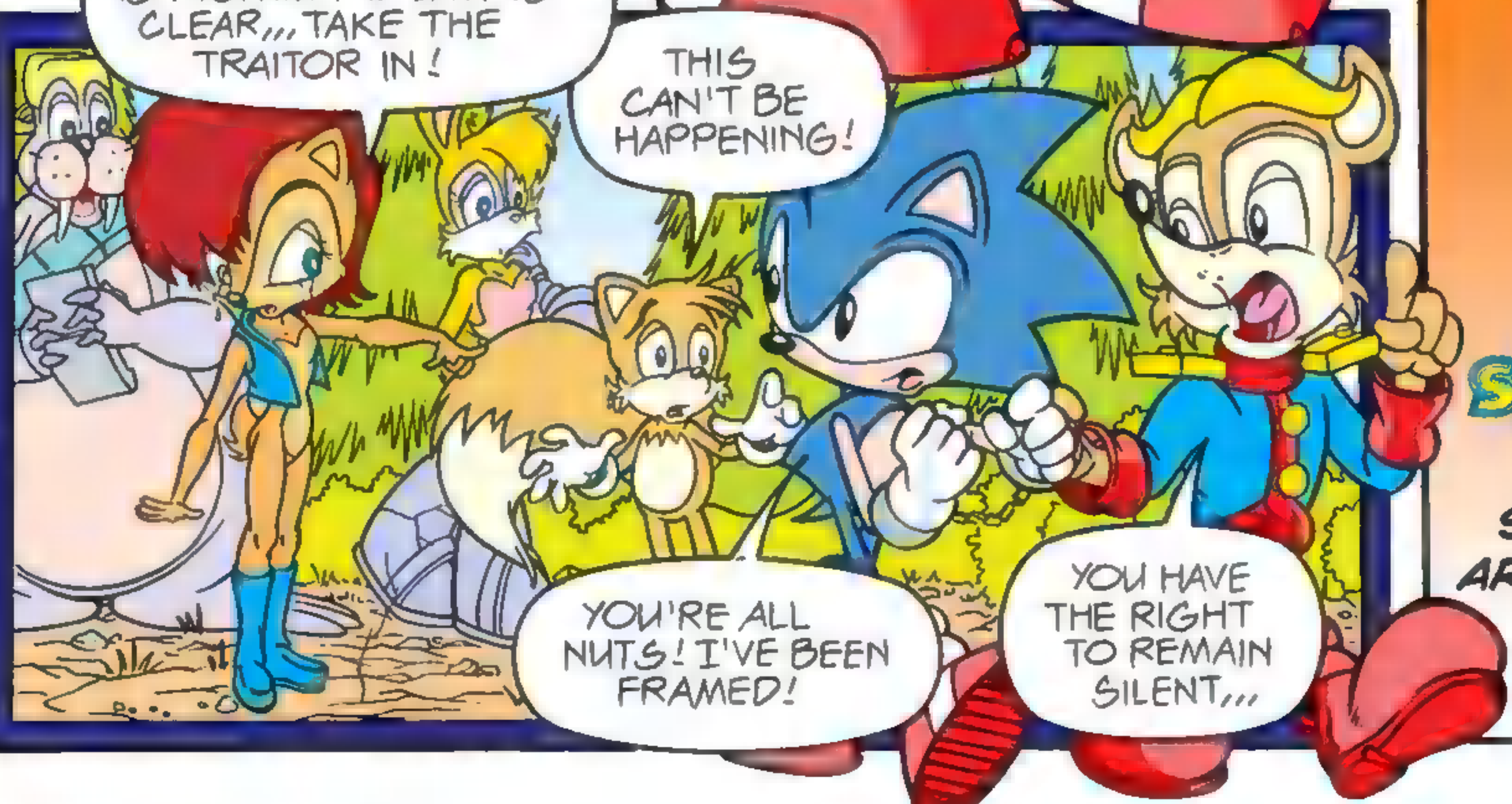


NO! THAT'S NOT HOW IT HAPPENED!

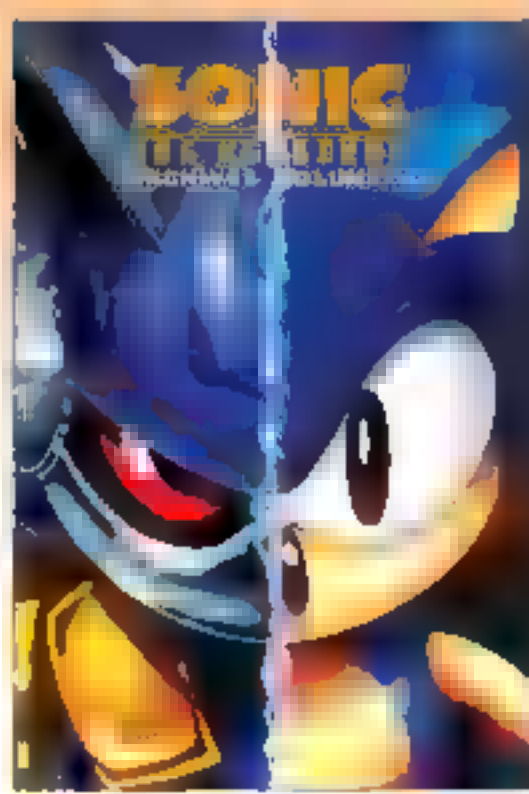


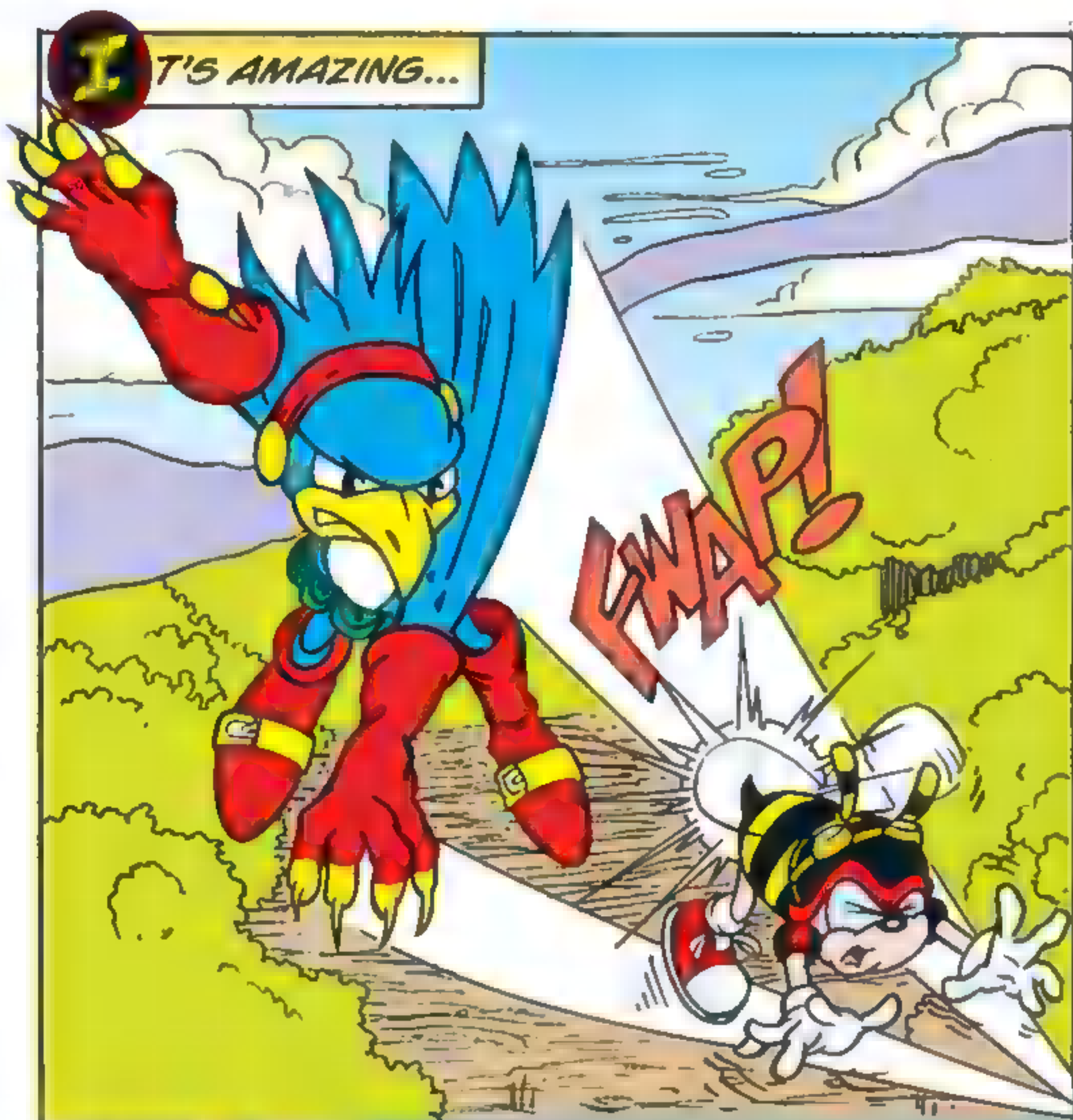
I'M AFRAID ANTOINE IS RIGHT... THE LAW IS CLEAR... TAKE THE TRAITOR IN!

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!



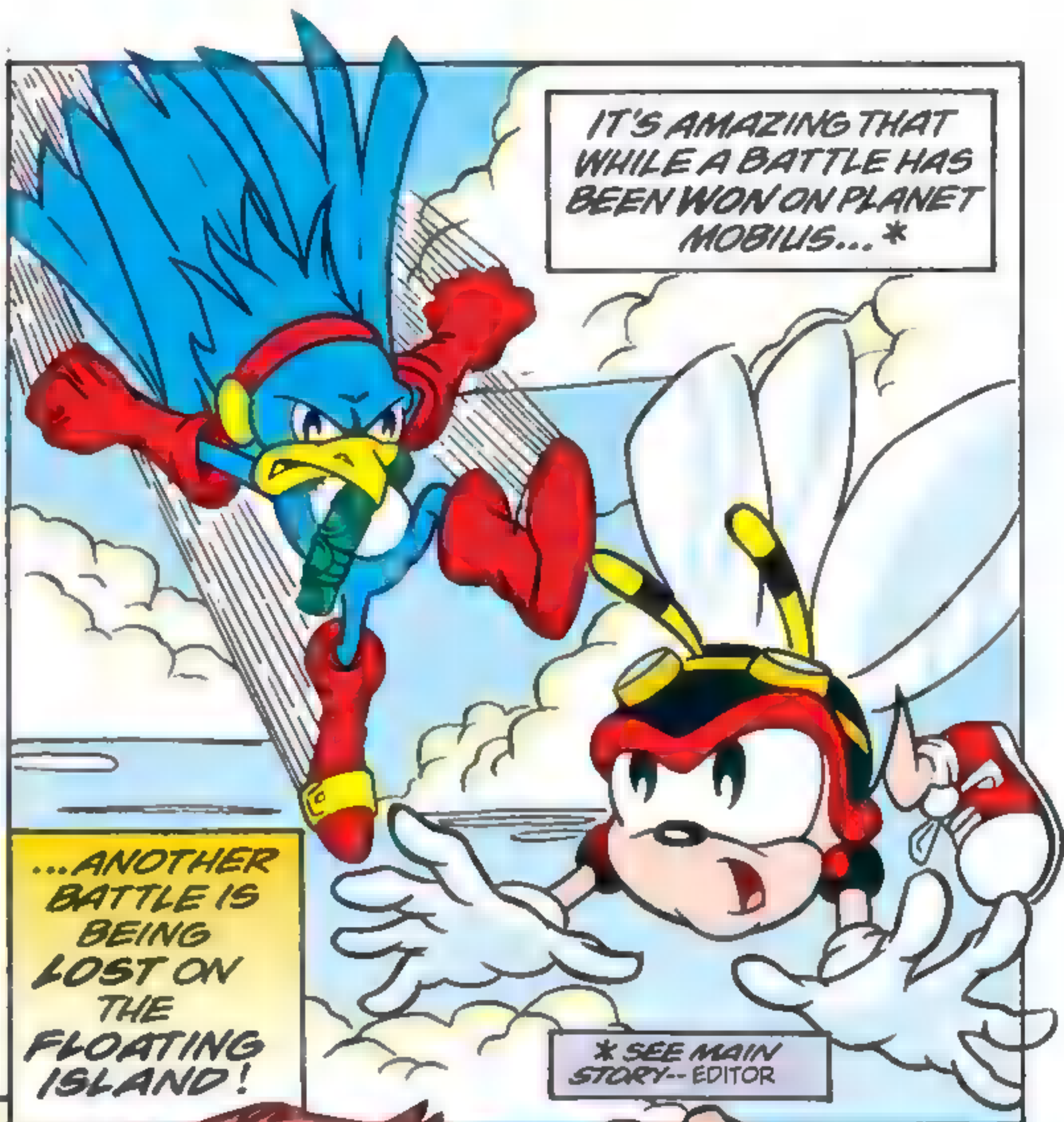
THE END of
MECHA-SONIC
BUT, STAY TUNED FOR
THE COURT-MARTIAL OF
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
IN
SONIC ARCHIVES
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I T'S AMAZING...

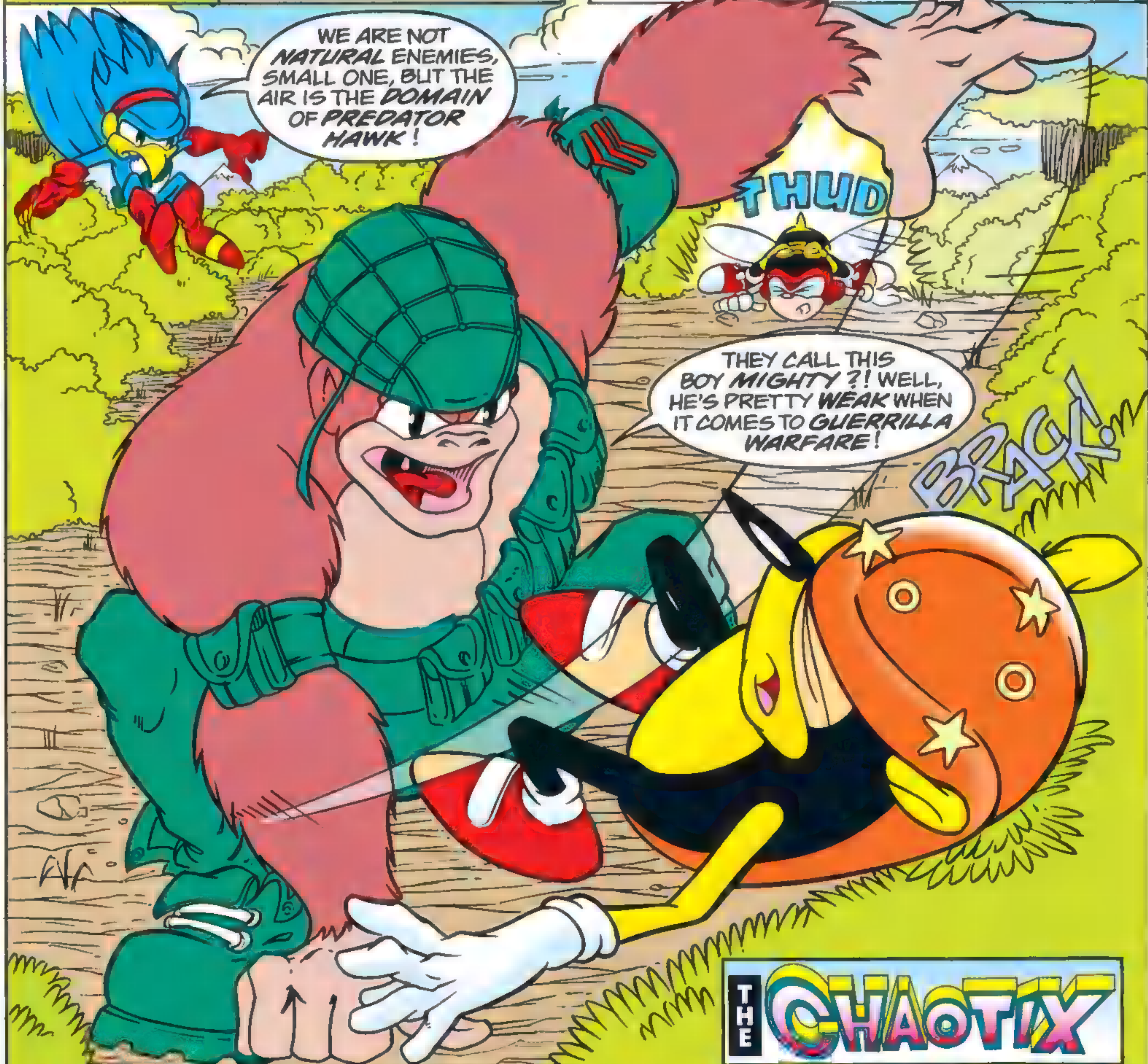
FWAP!



IT'S AMAZING THAT WHILE A BATTLE HAS BEEN WON ON PLANET MOBILIS...*

...ANOTHER BATTLE IS BEING LOST ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!

* SEE MAIN STORY--EDITOR



WE ARE NOT NATURAL ENEMIES, SMALL ONE, BUT THE AIR IS THE DOMAIN OF PREDATOR HAWK!

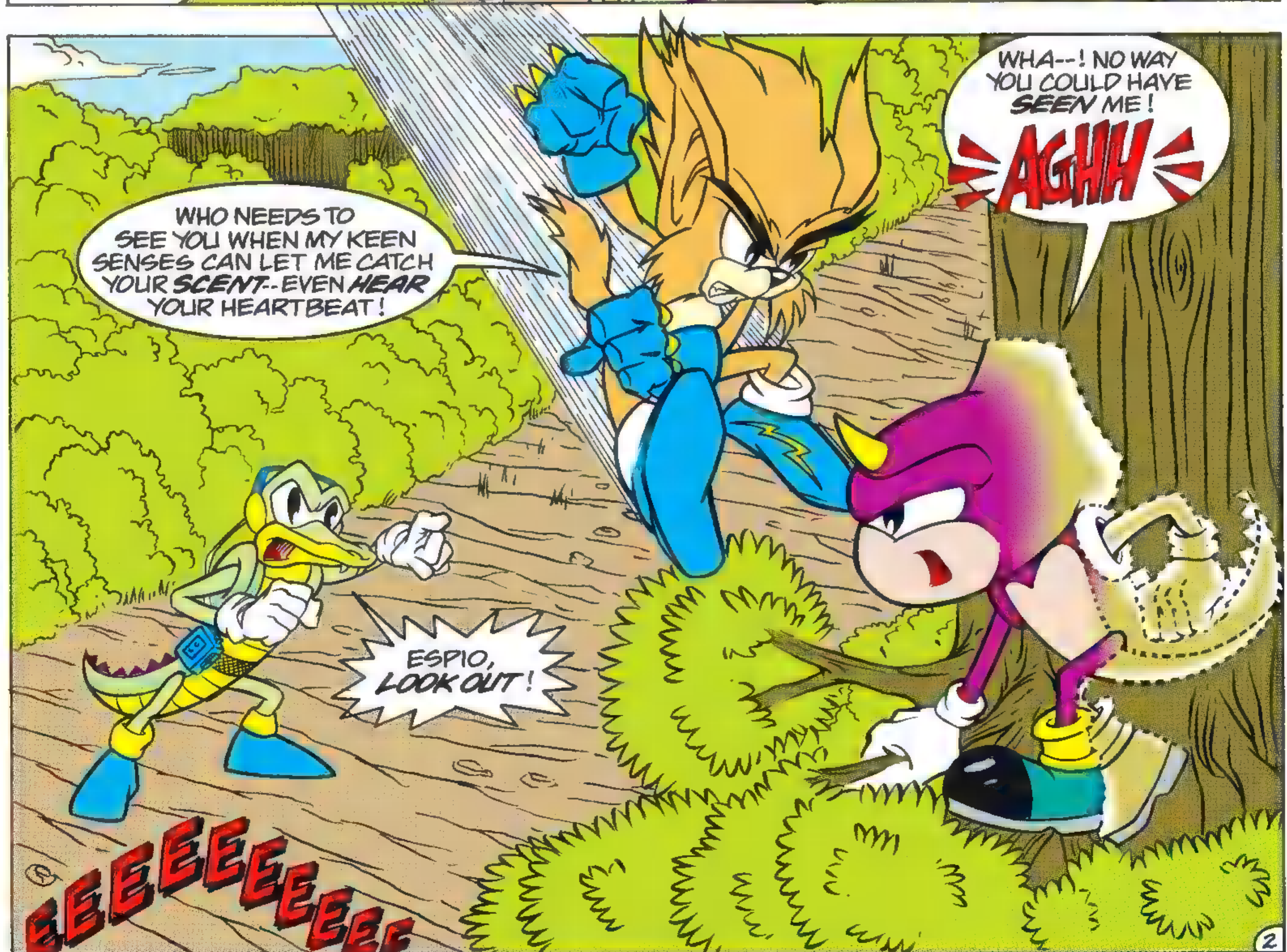
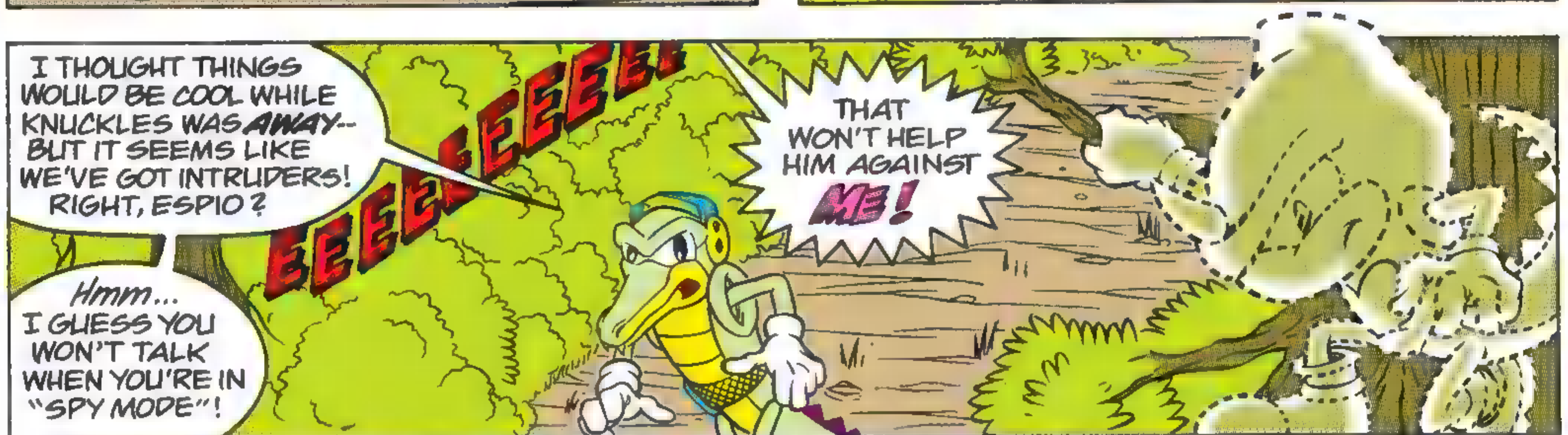
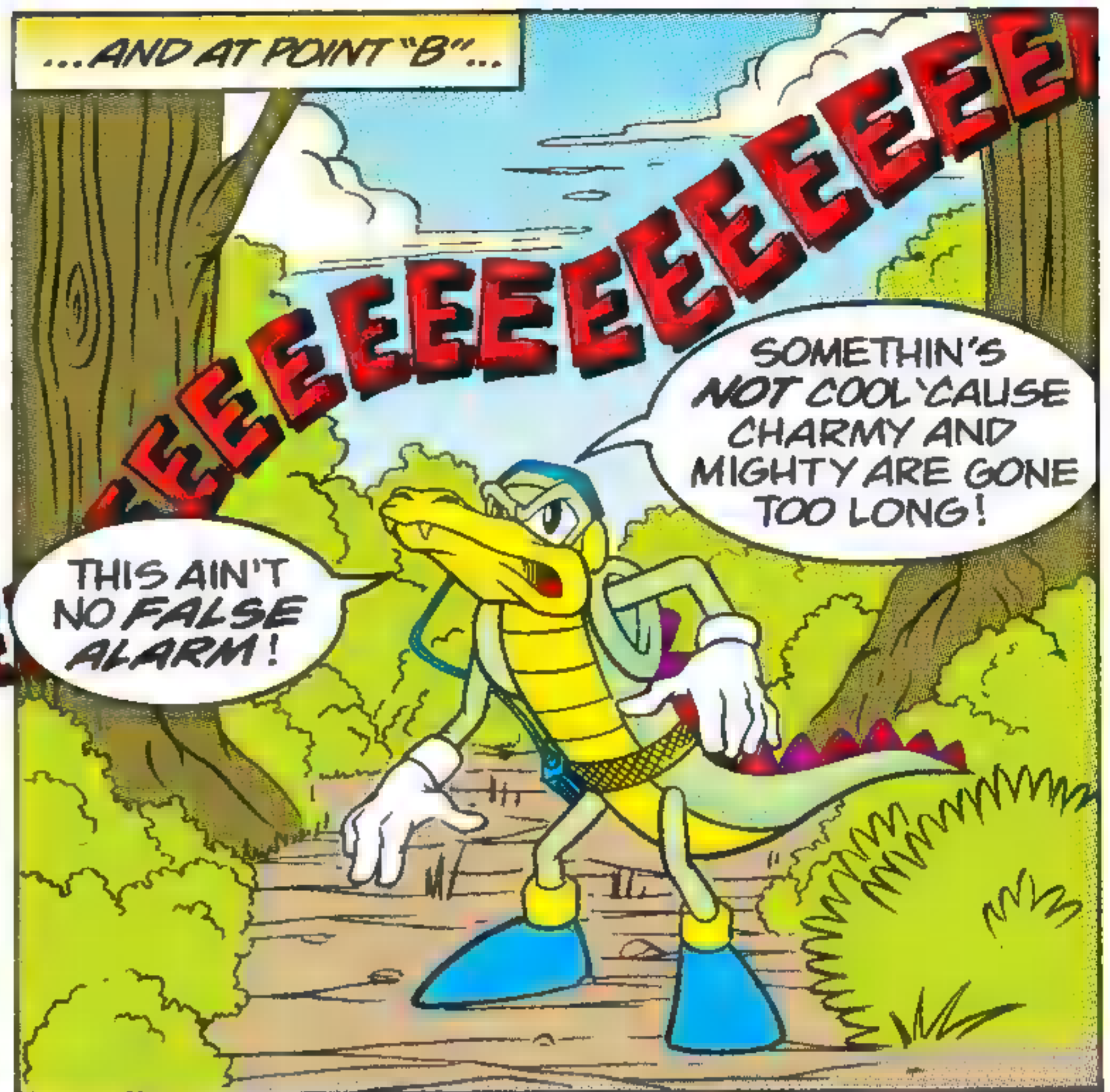
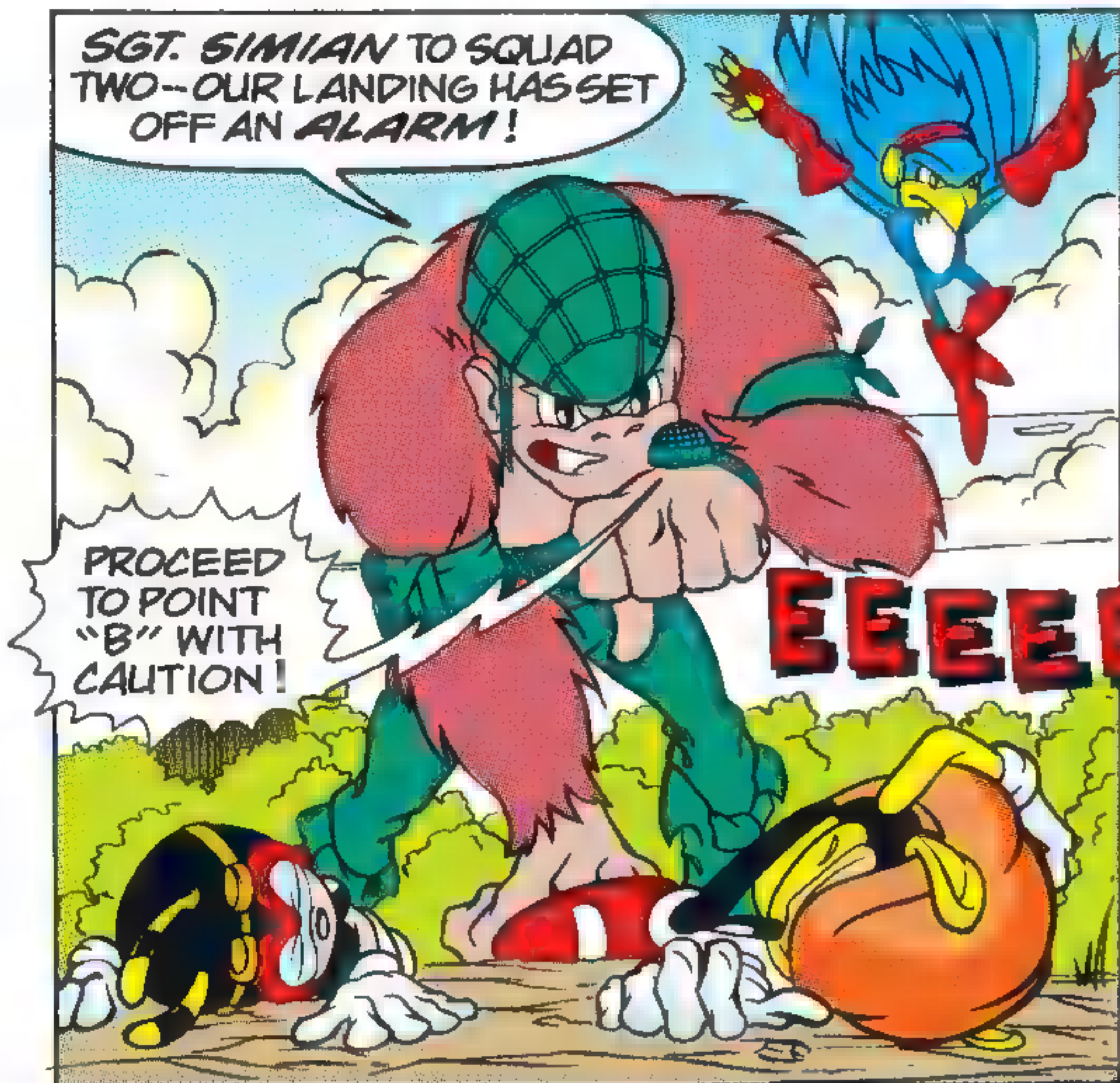
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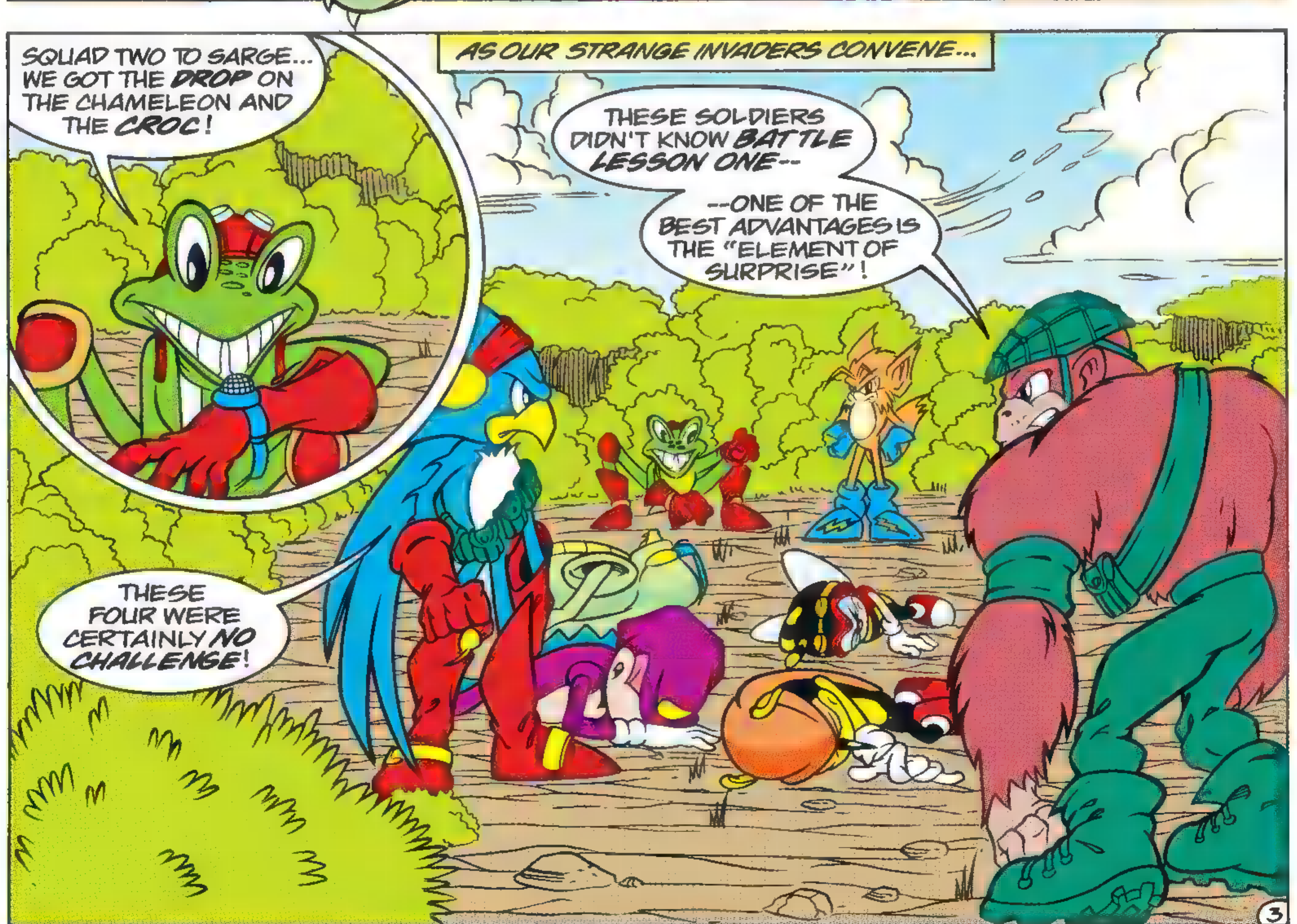
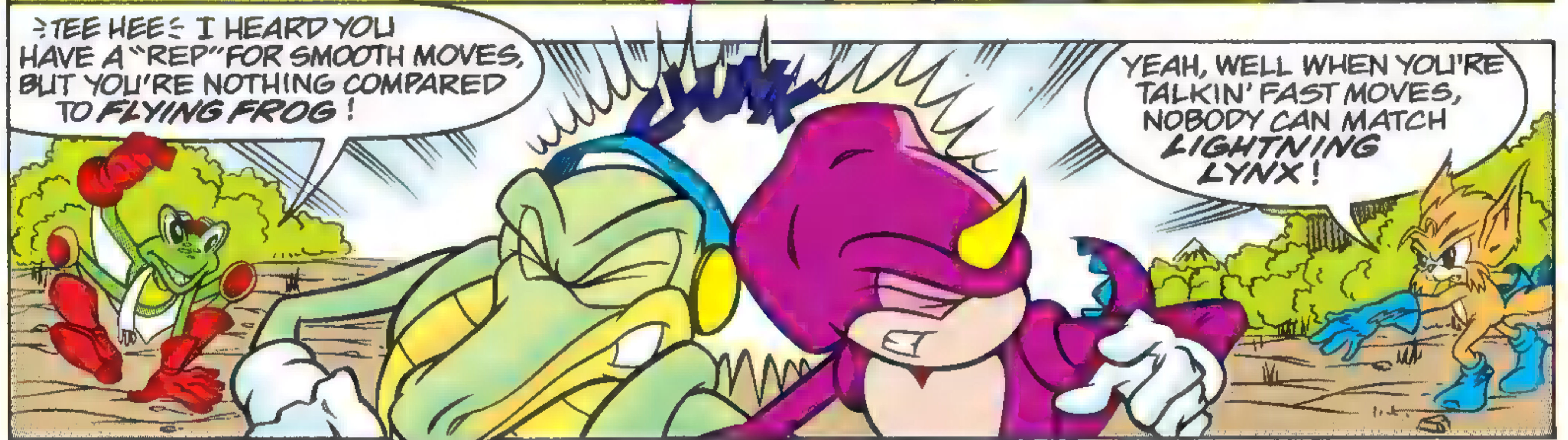
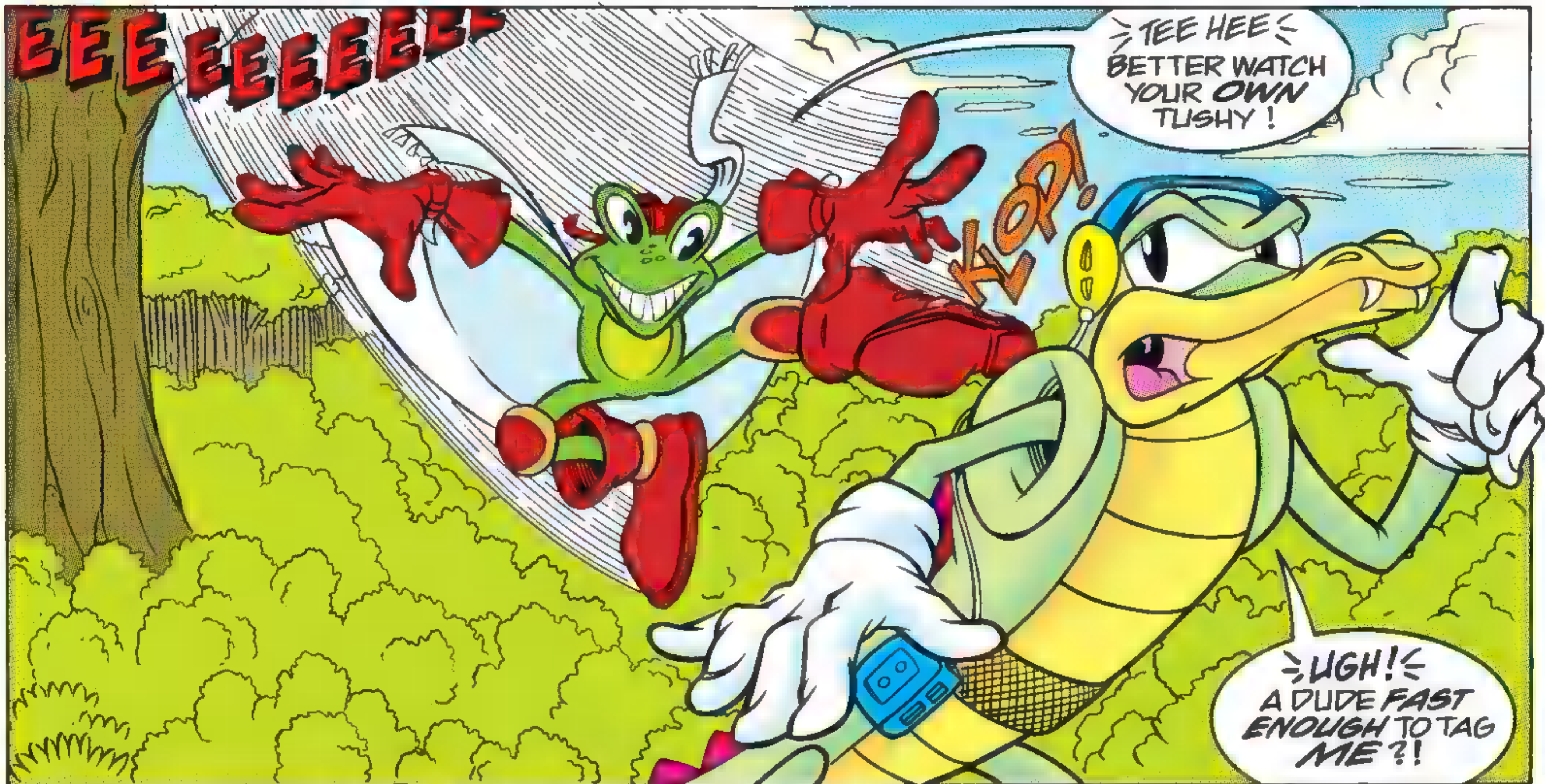
THEY CALL THIS BOY MIGHTY?! WELL, HE'S PRETTY WEAK WHEN IT COMES TO GUERRILLA WARFARE!

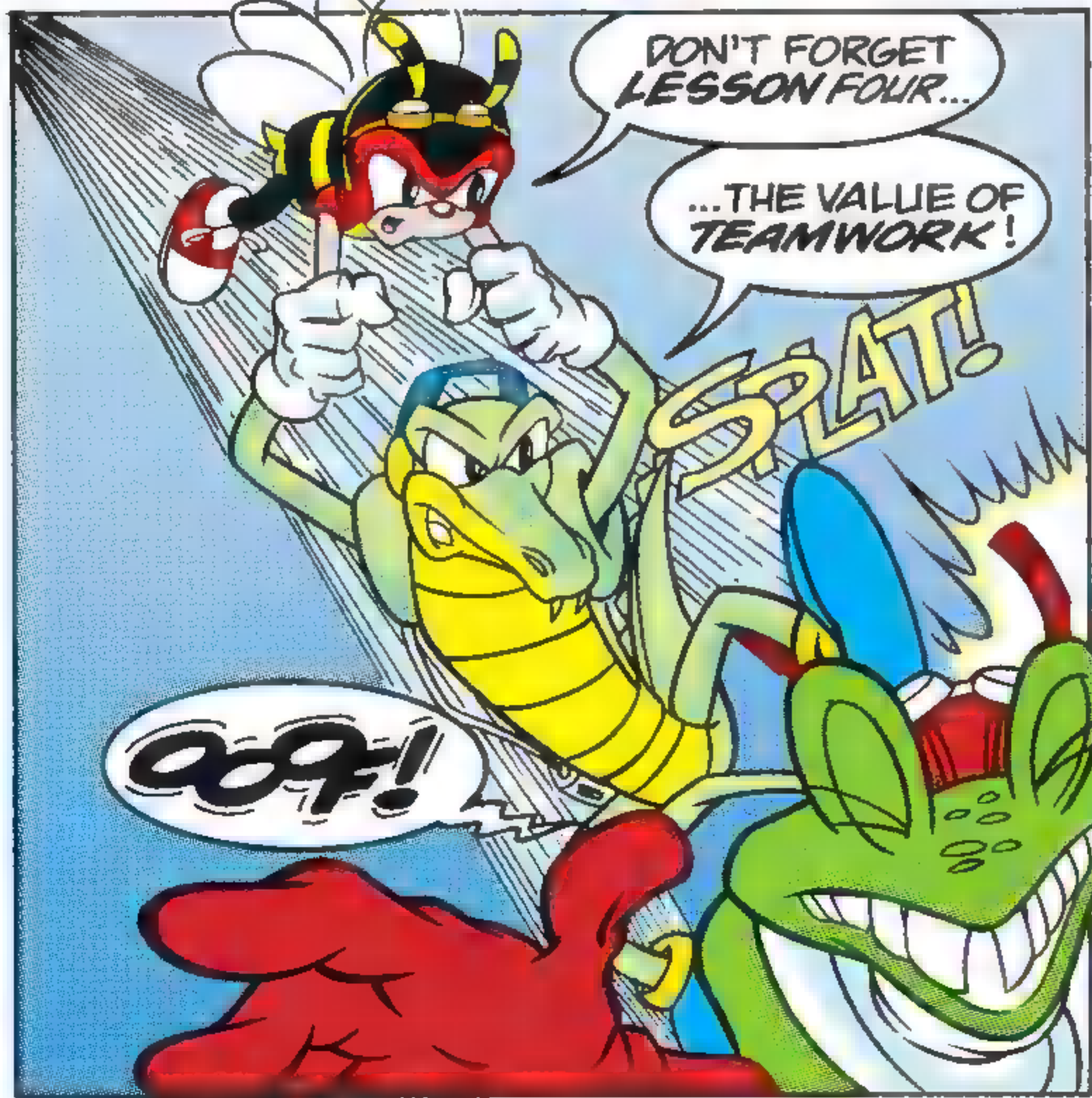
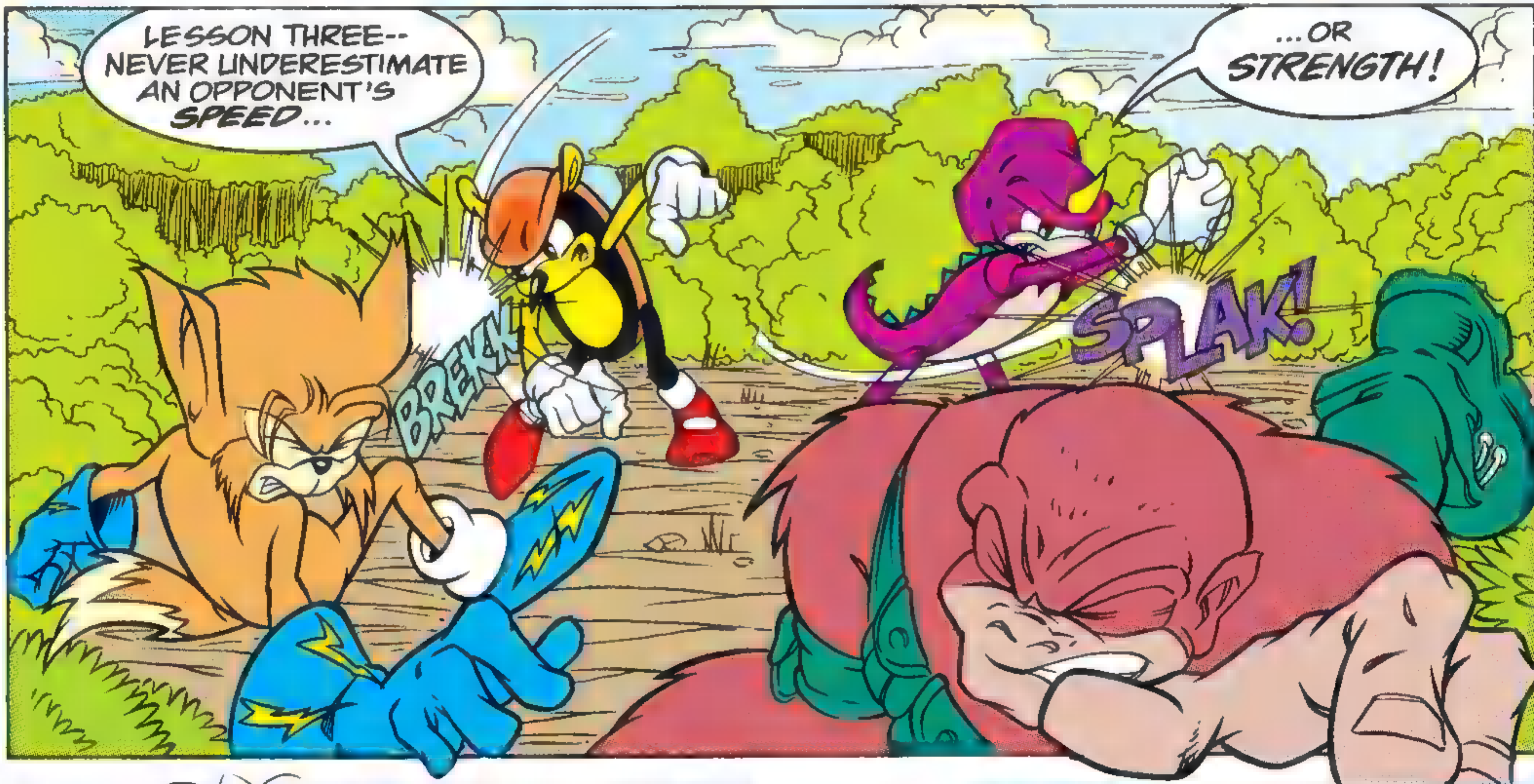
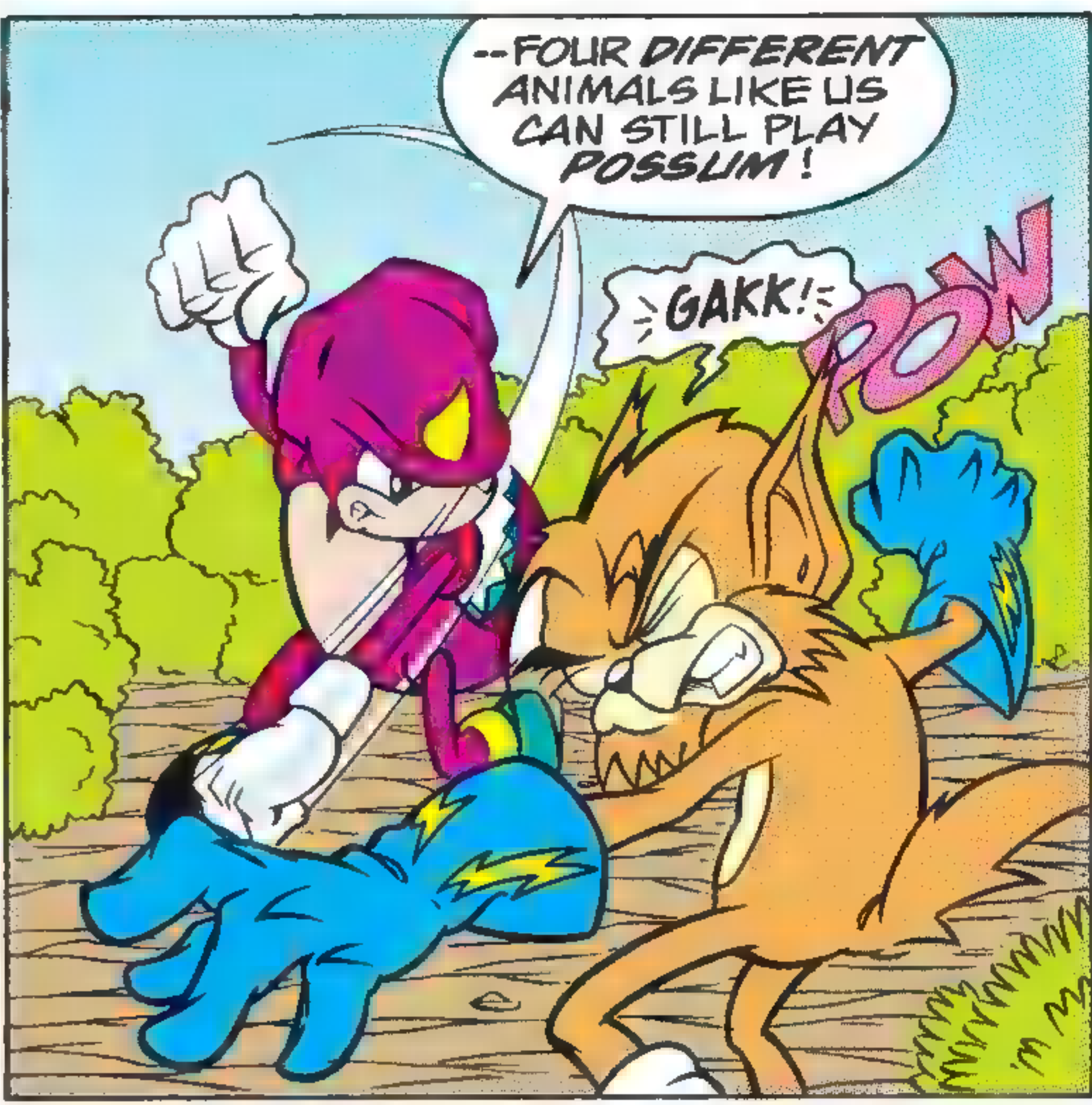
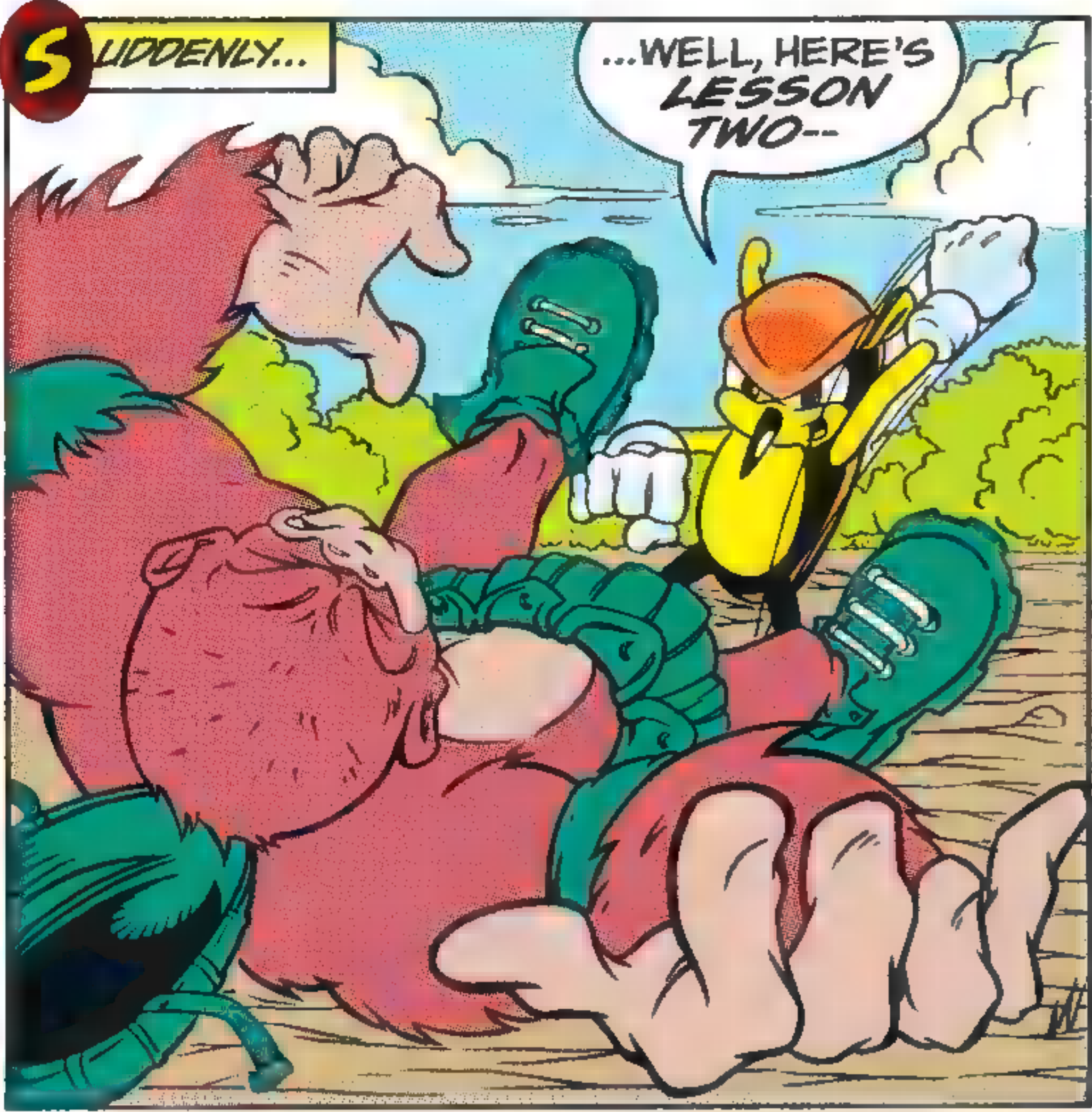
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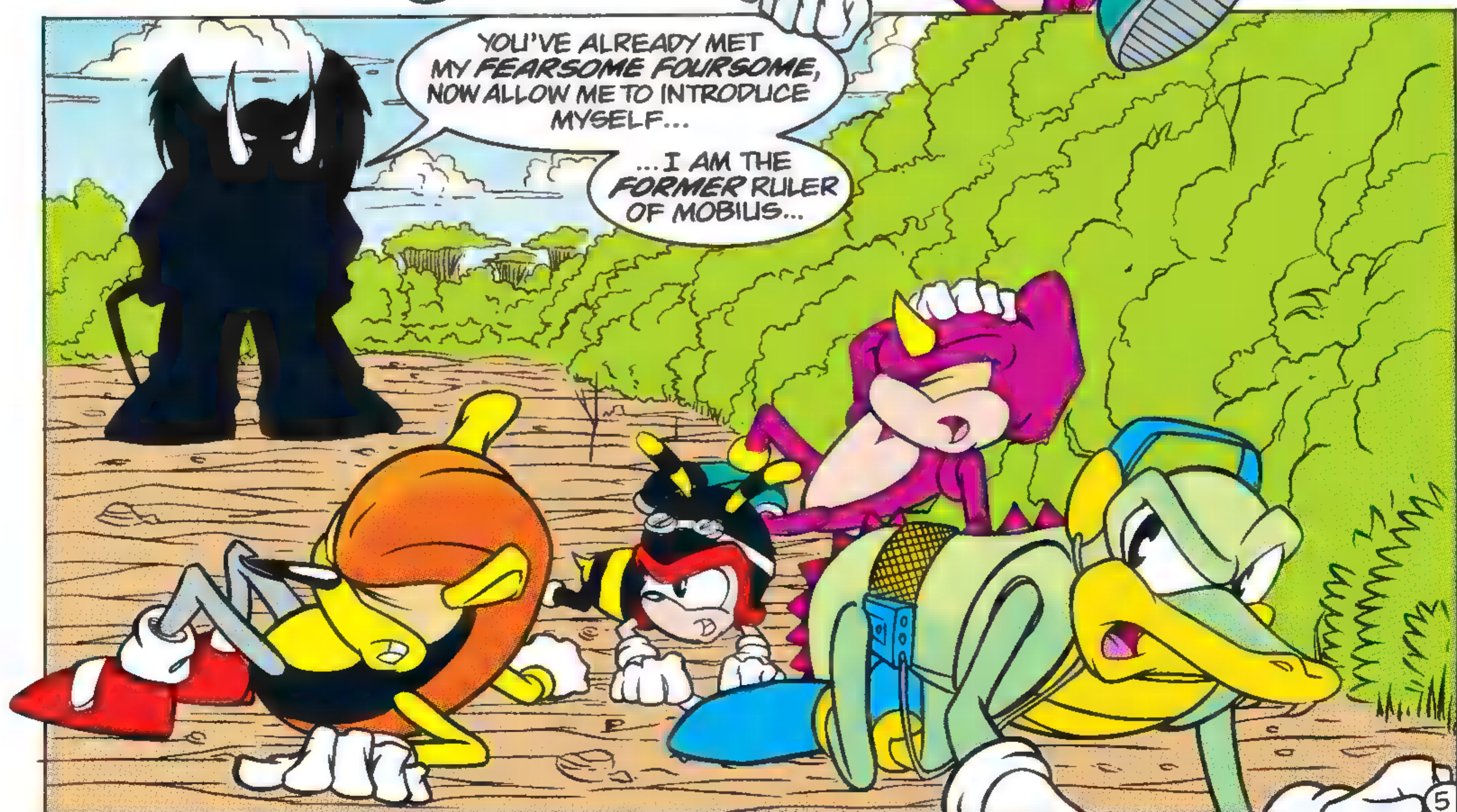
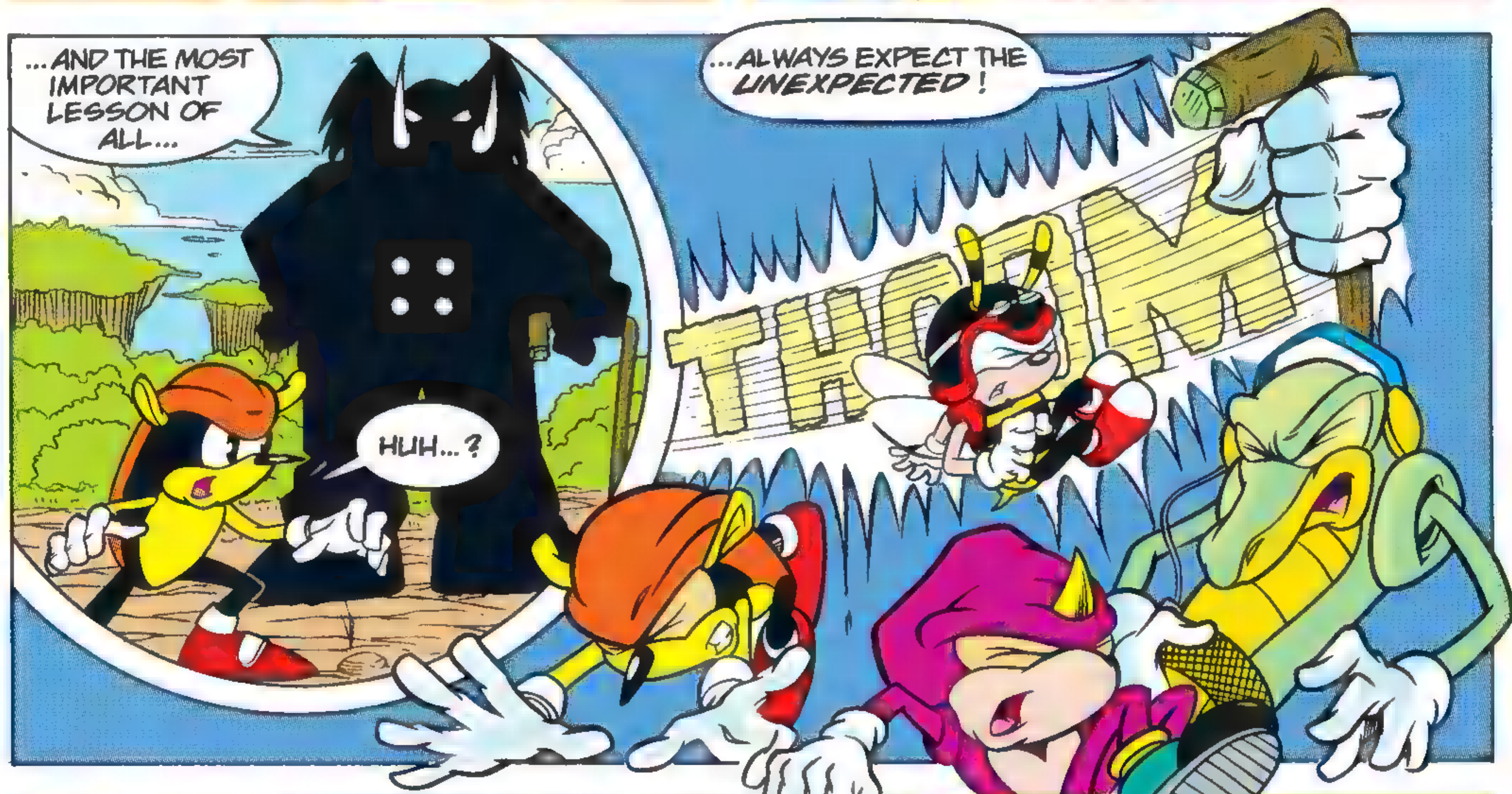
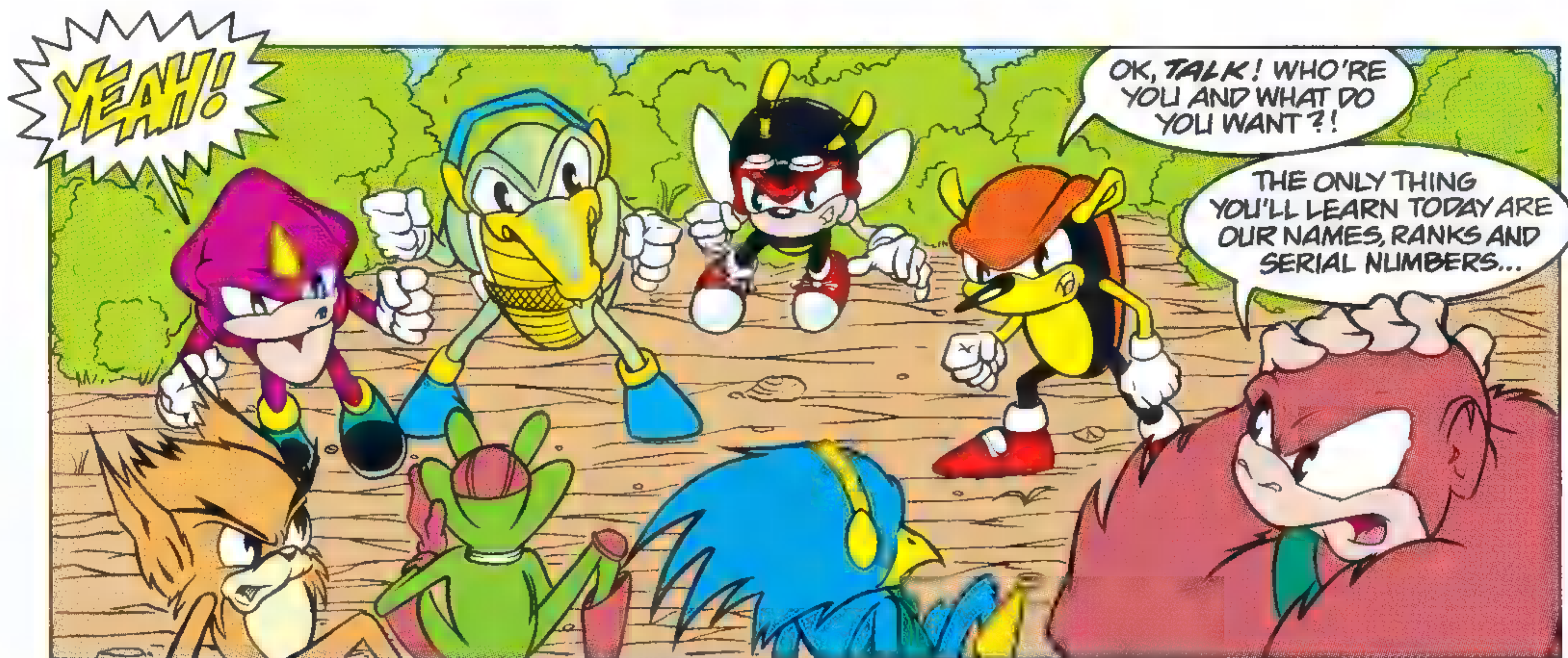
THE CHAOTIX

DON'T LET THE ISLAND HIT YOU ON THE WAY DOWN!



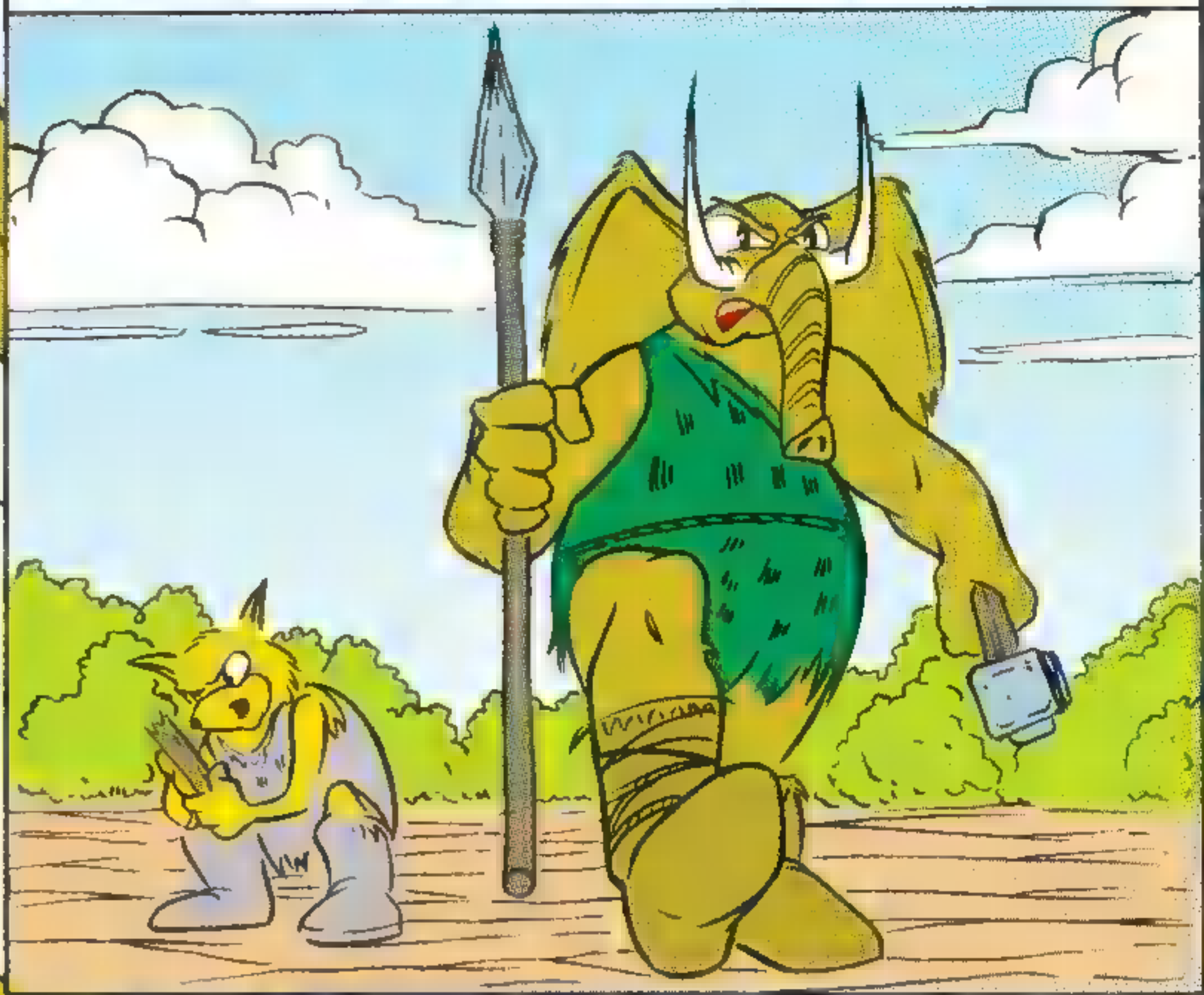




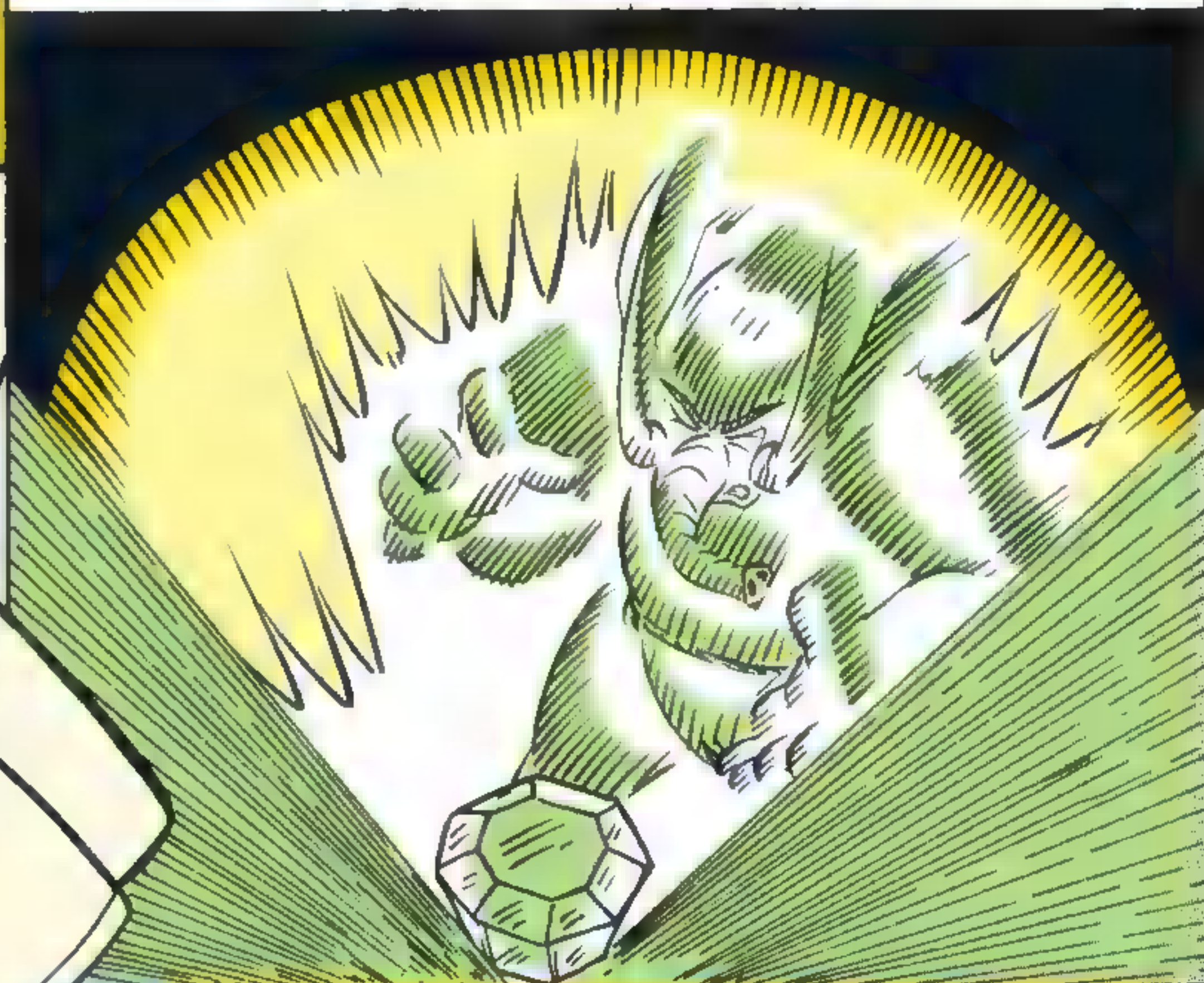


...AND ITS *FUTURE* LORD AND MASTER... I AM THE SUPREME BEING KNOWN AS... *MAMMOTH MOGLUL!*

"I WAS BORN ON *MOBIUS* EONS AGO... LONG AFTER THE BIRTH OF THE *ANCIENT WALKERS*, BUT CENTURIES *BEFORE* MOST MODERN RACES..."

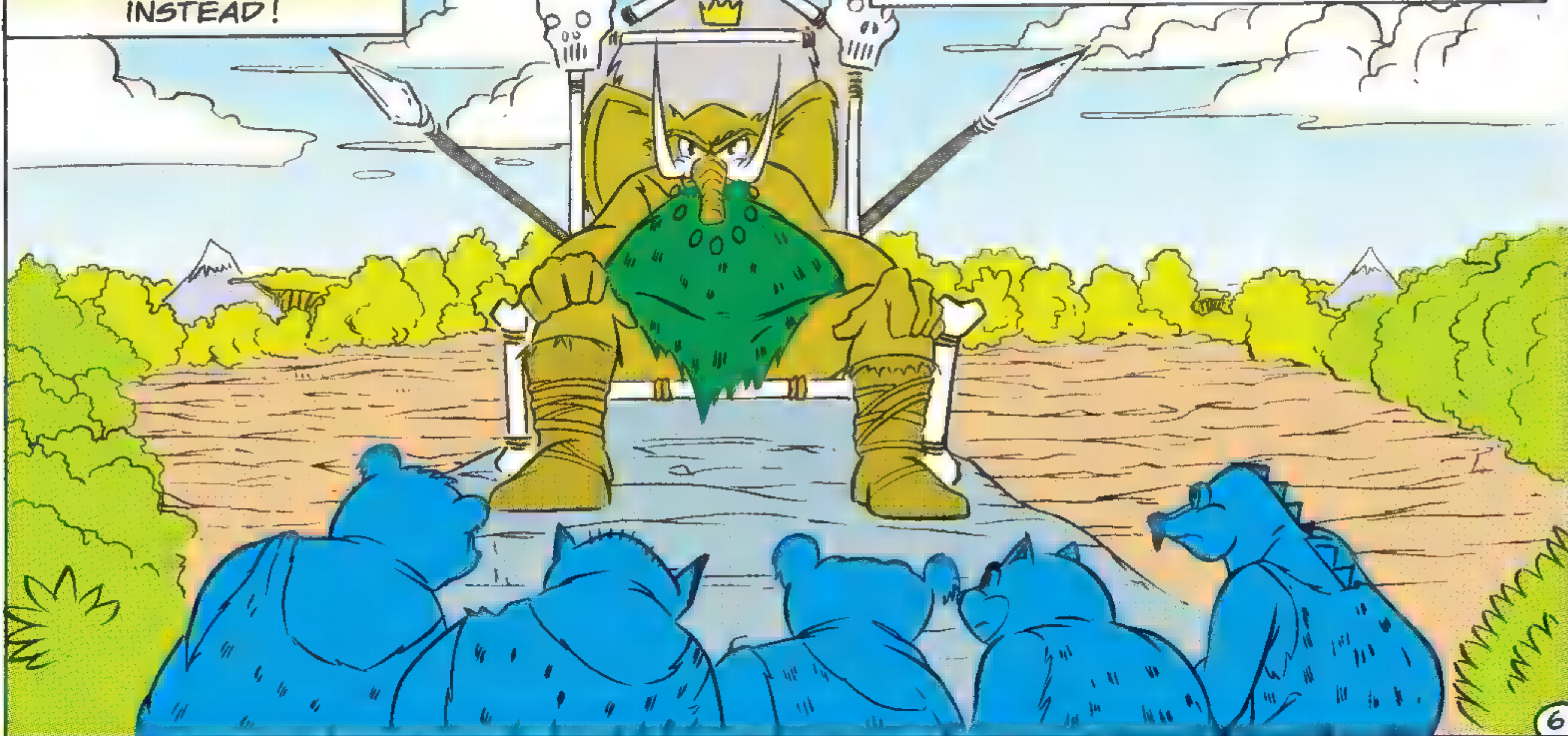


"LIFE THEN WAS FRAUGHT WITH MYSTERY AND DANGER... AND A BOLT OF ENERGY FROM AN UNKNOWN *JEWEL* WHICH SHOULD HAVE CAUSED DEATH..."



"...GRANTED ME ALMOST *LIMITLESS* POWER INSTEAD!"

"I USED THAT POWER TO BECOME MASTER OF ALL I SURVEYED..."



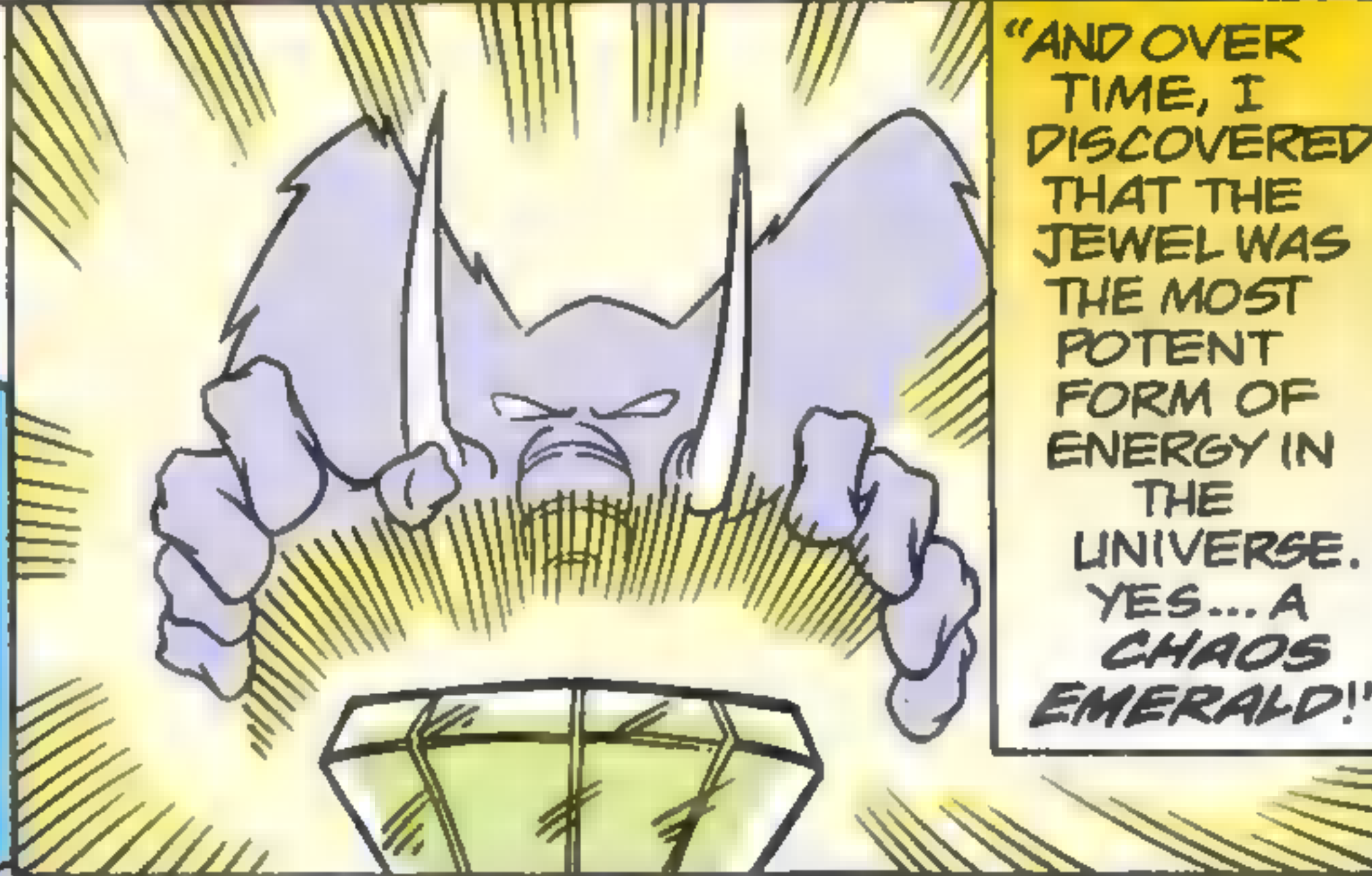
"...BUT OVER THE MILLENNIA THE RACES EVOLVED, GAINING STRENGTH AND *INDEPENDENCE*... THEY REVOLTED, AND I WAS *DETHRONED*!"



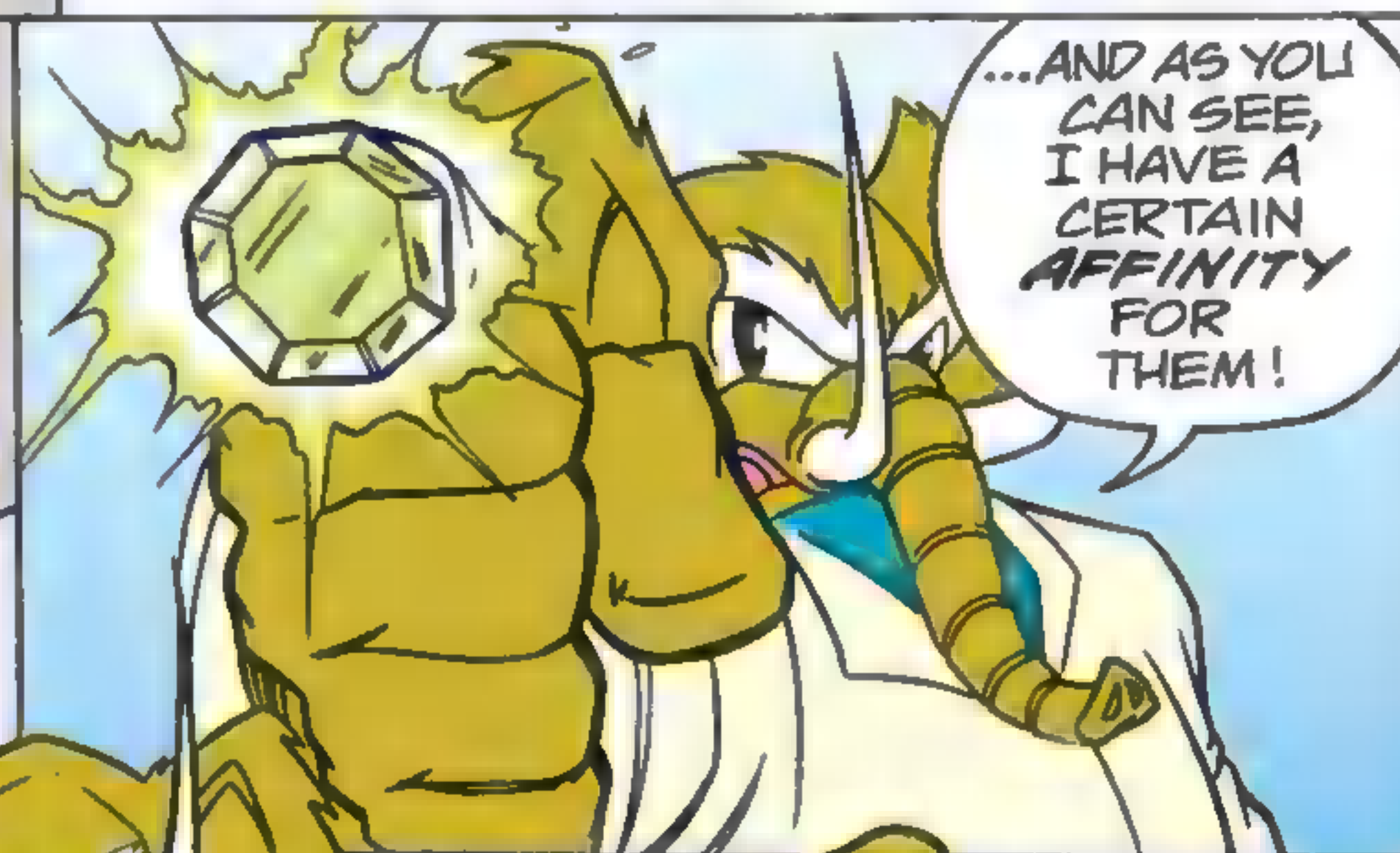
"YES, I DID SAY *MILLENNIA*! THAT UNKNOWN JEWEL'S ENERGY HAD GRANTED ME POWER AND *IMMORTALITY*!"



"AND OVER TIME, I DISCOVERED THAT THE JEWEL WAS THE MOST POTENT FORM OF ENERGY IN THE UNIVERSE. YES... A *CHAOS EMERALD*!"

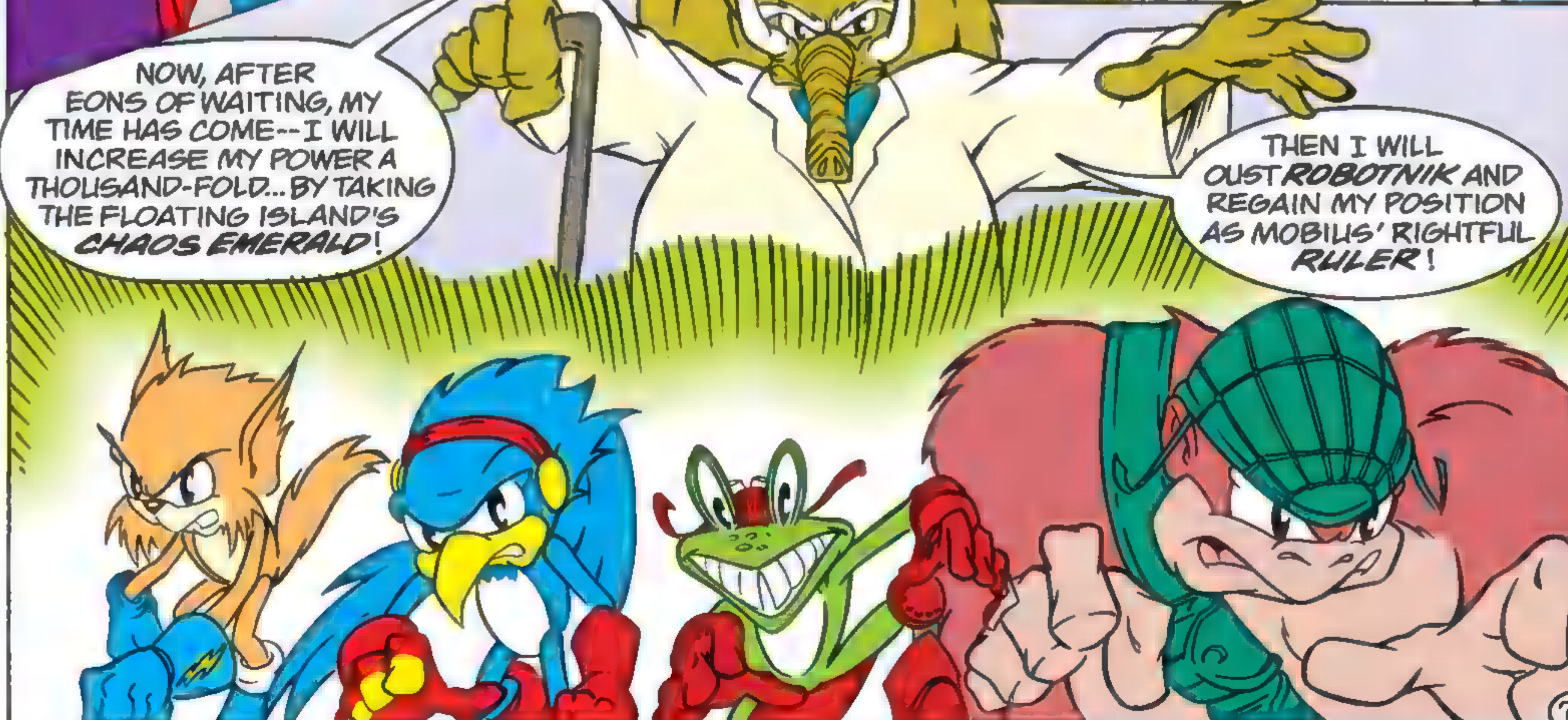


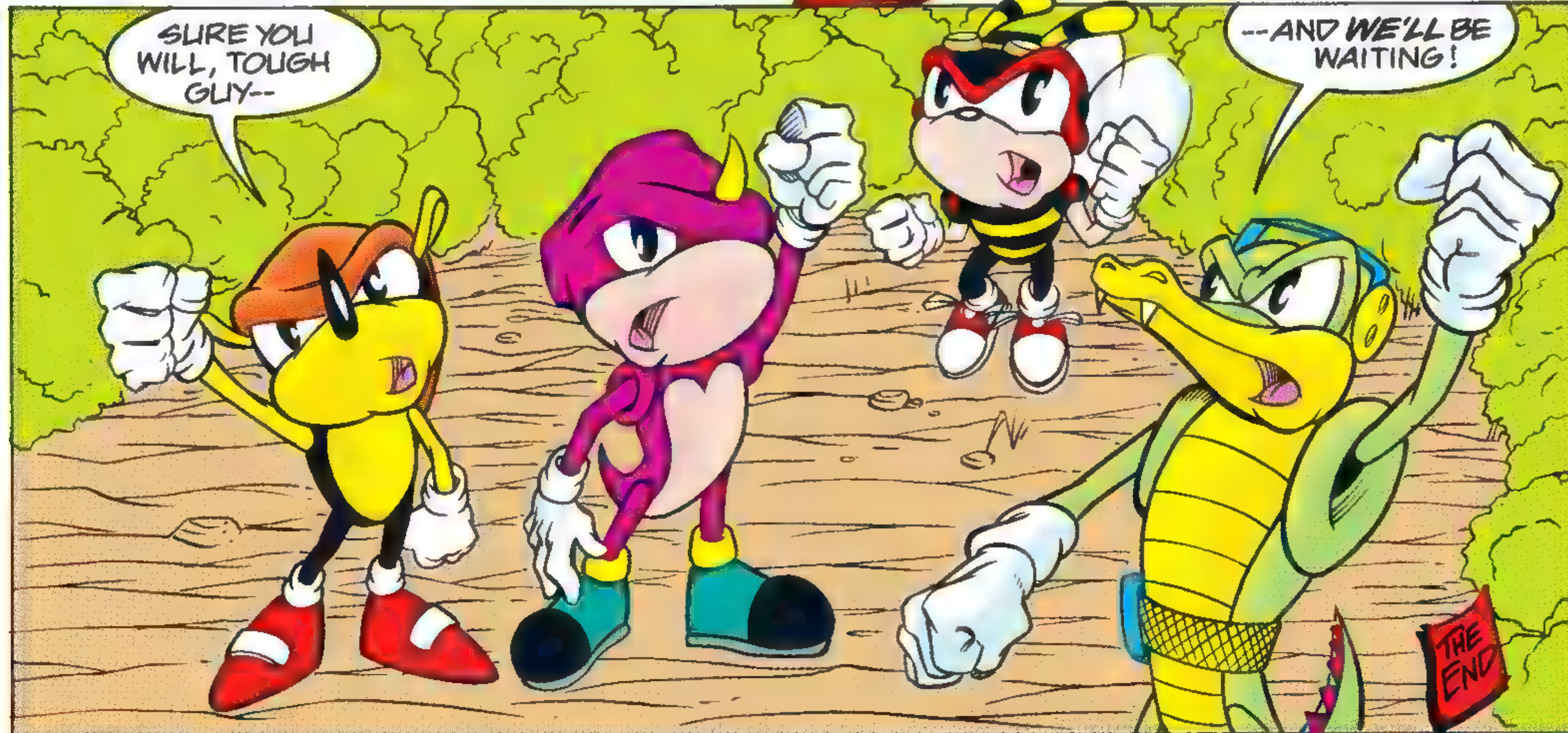
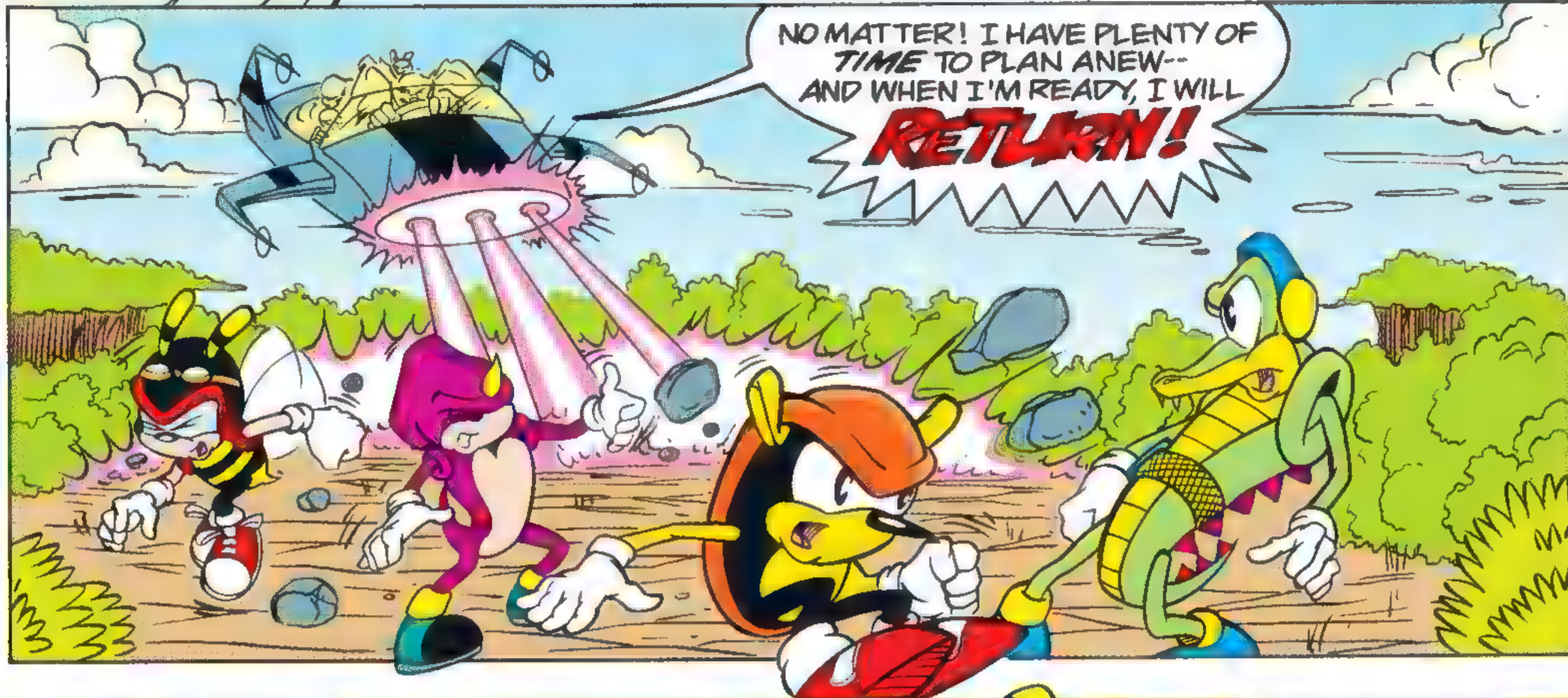
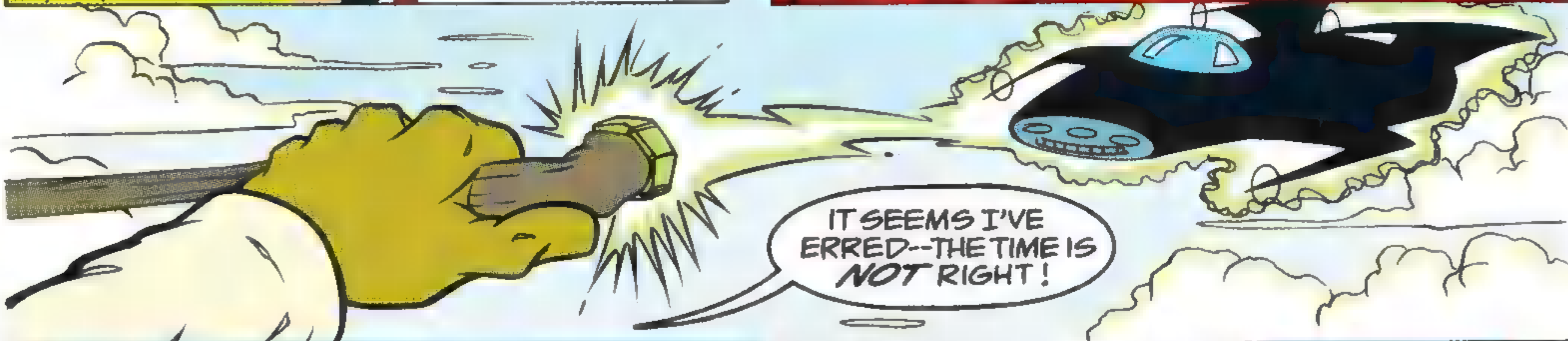
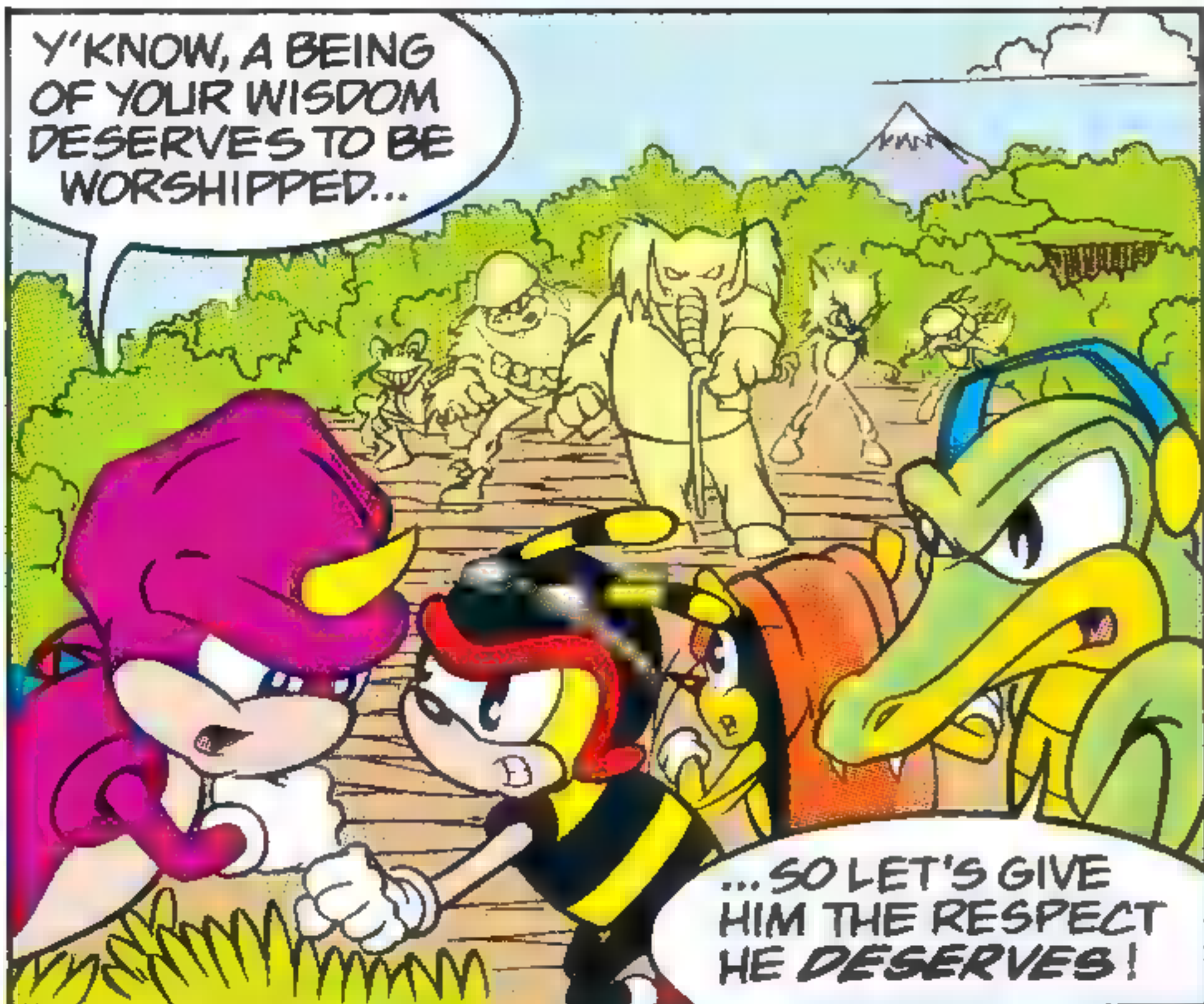
"...AND AS YOU CAN SEE, I HAVE A CERTAIN *AFFINITY* FOR THEM!"



NOW, AFTER EONS OF WAITING, MY TIME HAS COME--I WILL INCREASE MY POWER A THOUSAND-FOLD... BY TAKING THE FLOATING ISLAND'S *CHAOS EMERALD*!

THEN I WILL OUST *ROBOTNIK* AND REGAIN MY POSITION AS *MOBIUS*' RIGHTFUL *RULER*!





BECAUSE *YOU* DEMANDED IT!...

the FORTY FATHOMS FREEDOM FIGHTERS

IN

EEL of FORTUNE

KORE CALL

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BOTTLENOSE

P.B. JELLYFISH

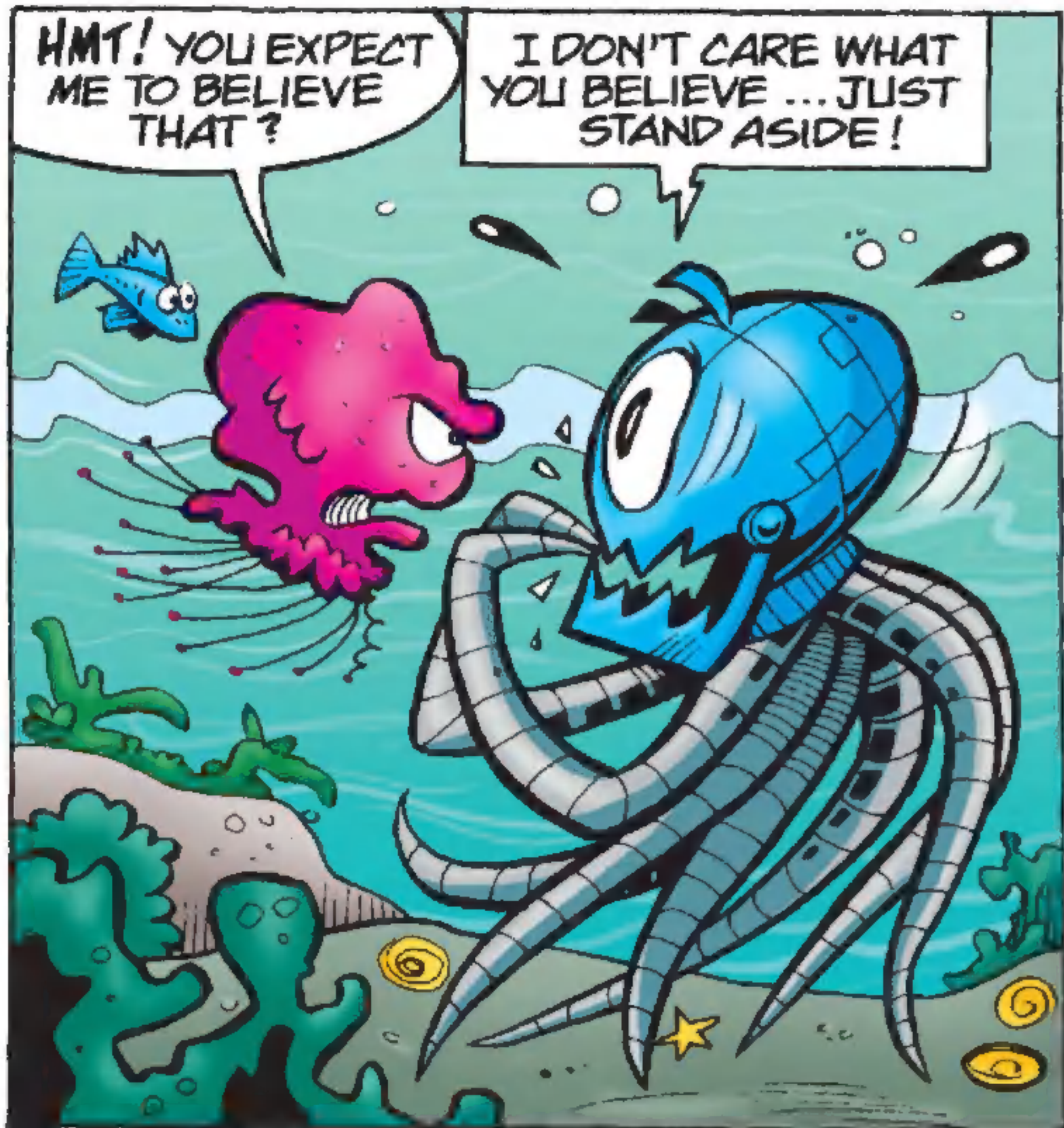
HEY!
I'D KNOW
THAT SLIMY
SILHOUETTE
ANYWHERE...

...IT'S
OUR OLD ENEMY,
OCTOBOT!*

* HEY, IT'S OCTOBOT! SONIC SELECT 1 SAYS HI -- AND SO DOES THE TAILS MINISERIES, COMING SOON TO A SELECT ISSUE NEAR YOU! - THE MANAGEMENT

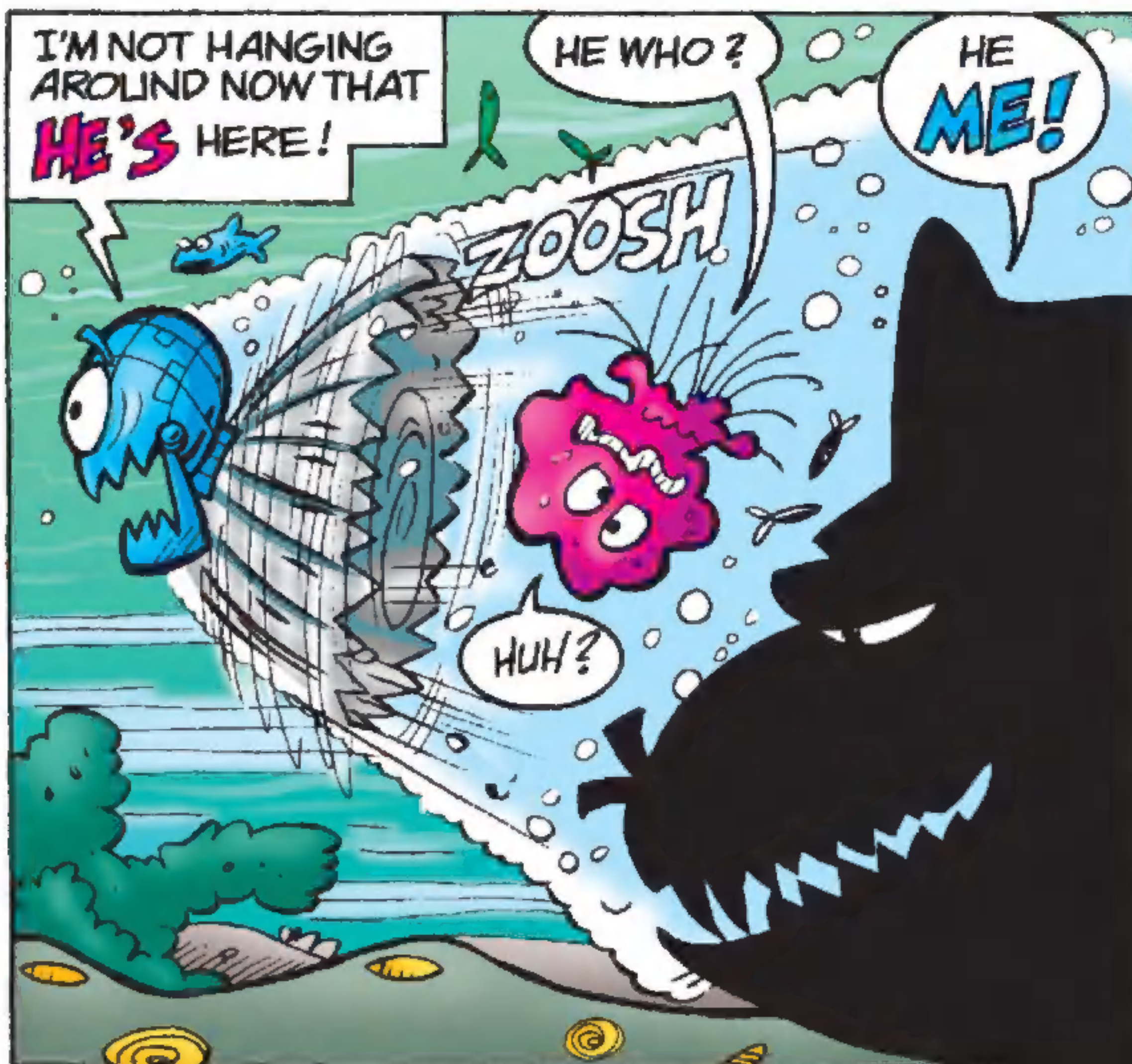
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THESE WATERS, EIGHT-BALL? CARRYING OUT MORE OF ROBOTNIK'S EVIL PLANS?

OH! P.B. JELLYFISH! DON'T STING ME... I'M JUST PASSING THROUGH ON MY WAY OUT OF HERE!



HMT! YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT?

I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU BELIEVE ...JUST STAND ASIDE!



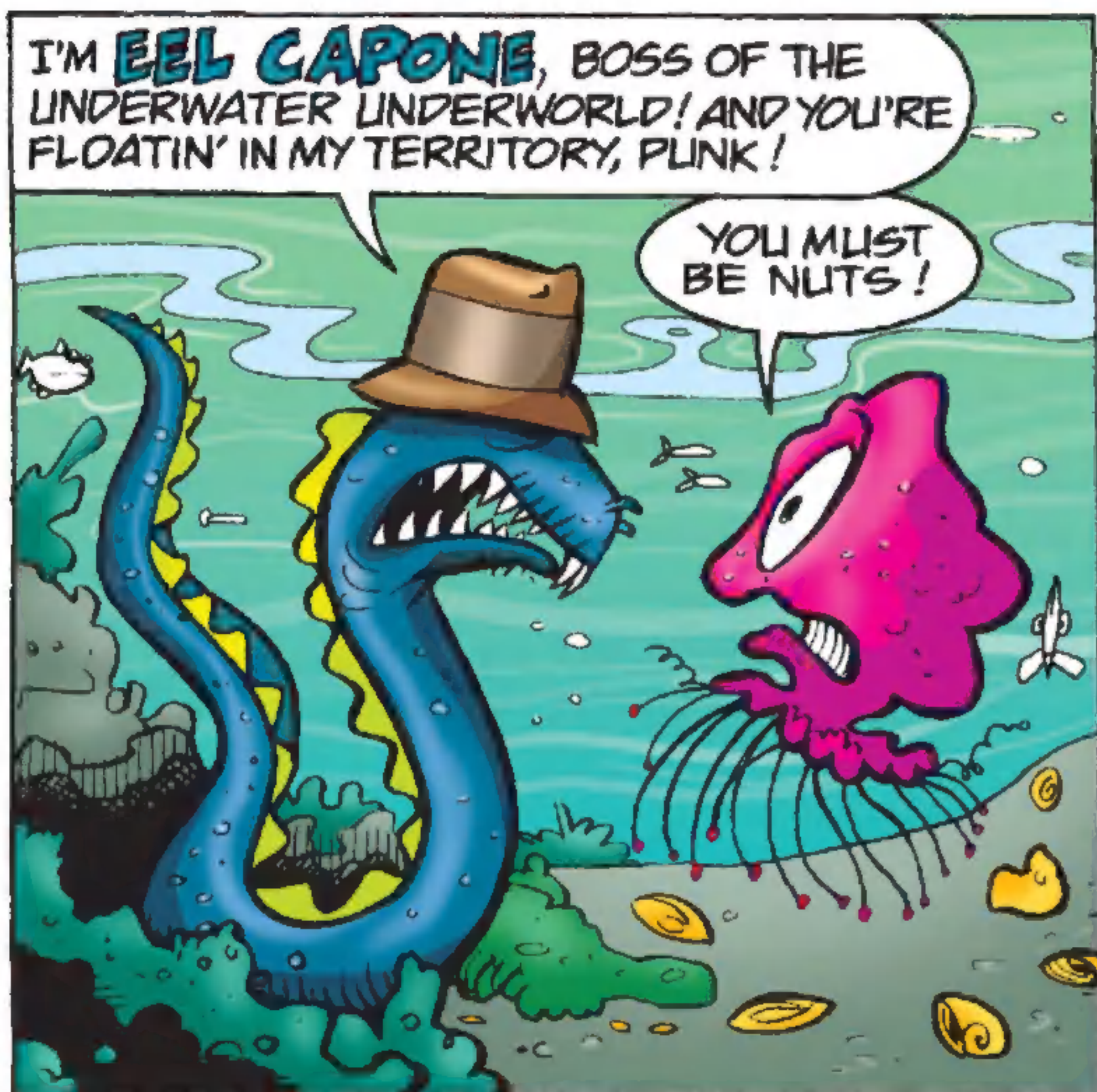
I'M NOT HANGING AROUND NOW THAT **HE'S** HERE!

HE WHO?

HE **ME!**

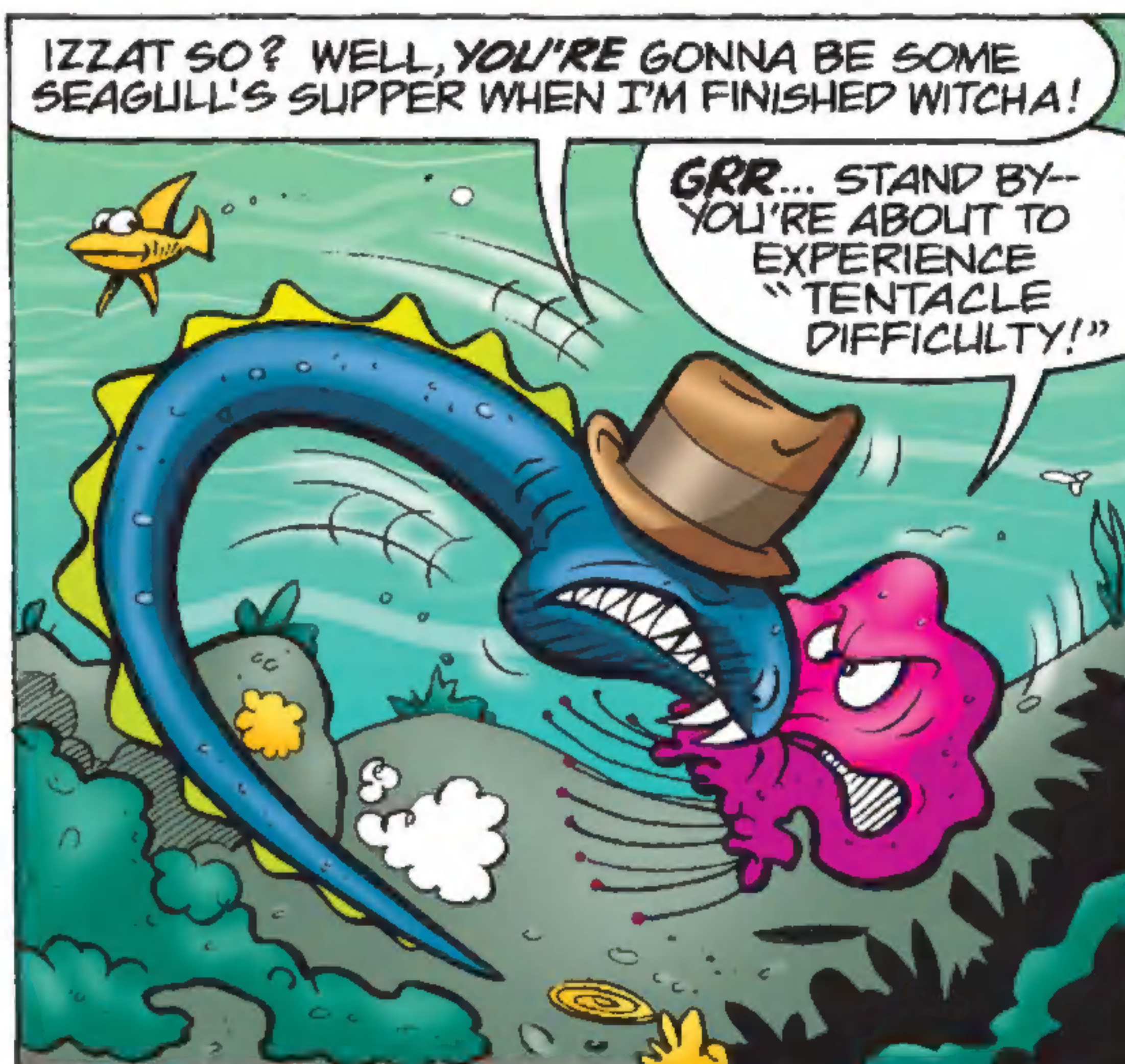
ZOOOSH!

HUH?



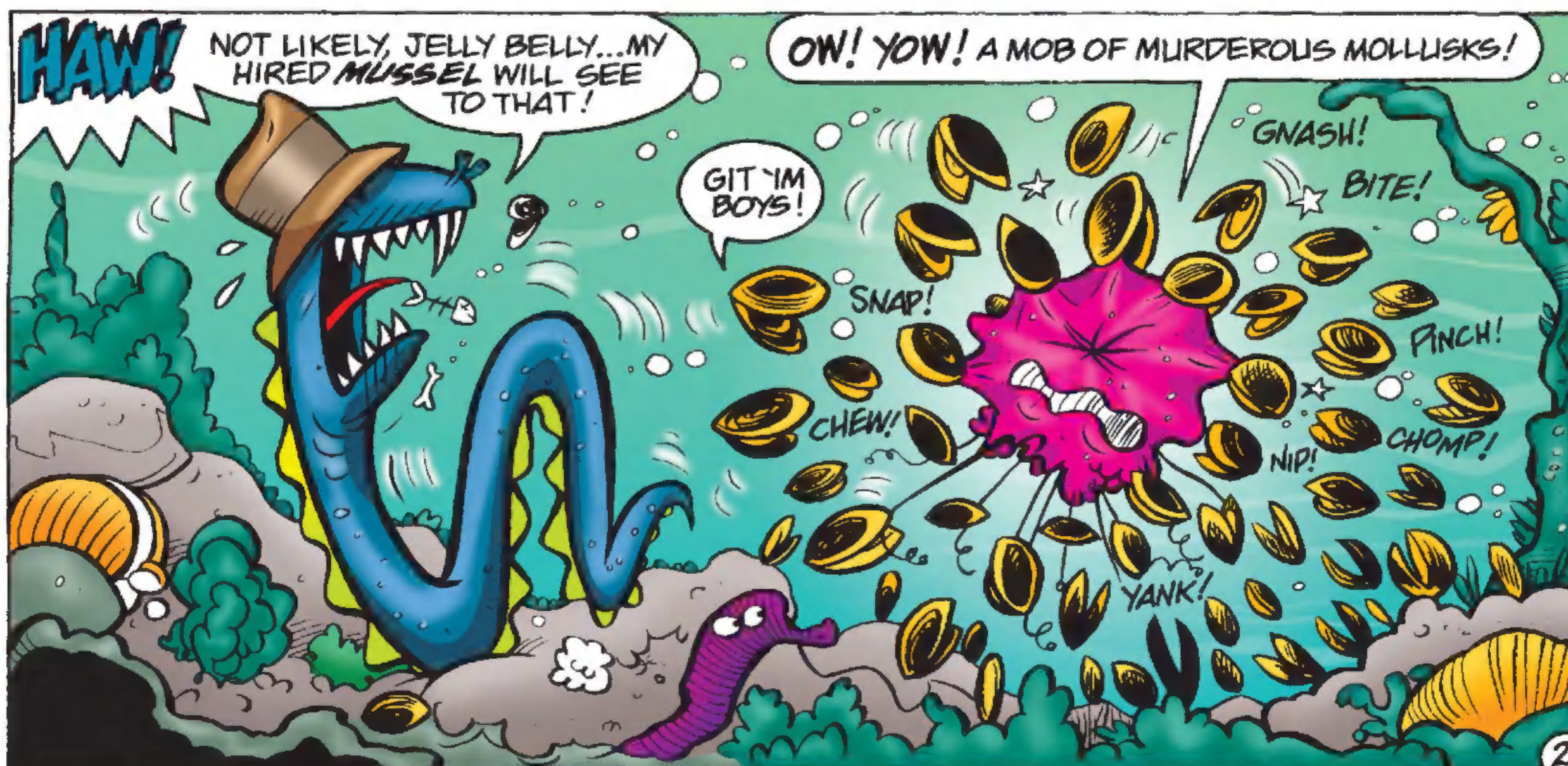
I'M **EEL CAPONE**, BOSS OF THE UNDERWATER UNDERWORLD! AND YOU'RE FLOATIN' IN MY TERRITORY, PUNK!

YOU MUST BE NUTS!



IZZAT SO? WELL, YOU'RE GONNA BE SOME SEAGULL'S SUPPER WHEN I'M FINISHED WITCHA!

GRR... STAND BY-- YOU'RE ABOUT TO EXPERIENCE "TENTACLE DIFFICULTY!"



HAW!

NOT LIKELY, JELLY BELLY...MY HIRED **MUSSEL** WILL SEE TO THAT!

GIT 'IM BOYS!

OW! YOW! A MOB OF MURDEROUS MOLLUSKS!

GNASH!

BITE!

SNAP!

CHEW!

PINCH!

NIP!

CHOMP!

YANK!

